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## MPs Provide Security at Connecticut Airports

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65<sup>TH</sup> PCH

As she unzipped her pocket book and maneuvered a baby stroller toward the airport security checkpoint, Elizabeth Wagner had her hands full, and was clearly in a rush to get to her plane.

But, as she fumbled for her ticket and guided her grandson away from the crowd, she made sure she thanked the Army National Guardsman who was providing security outside Concourse A at Bradley International Airport.

"Thank you so much! You're doing a great job," she said, to Spc. Shawn Irish, of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company, who is serving his home state as he serves his country, on full-time military orders. Irish smiled humbly and thanked the woman. While he feels his duty is not as big a contribution as what others have done since the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, he's happy to be serving his country during a time of national emergency.

"To me it's something very small, but (because of the security measures taken since the terrorist attacks) it's also something very big," Irish said about his assignment, which is part of the Homeland Defense mission. "I'm helping out in a small



A member of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company on duty at Bradley International Airport. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65<sup>th</sup> PCH)

way, but if it's making people feel safe, then that's great."

After President George W. Bush asked the nation's governors to consider calling up Guardsmen to assist in airport security, Governor John G. Rowland acted immediately. Based upon what the Connecticut Guardsmen having been

hearing at Bradley, the presence of the Guardsmen has helped to assure travelers that they will be safe. The members of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company are well aware of the role that National Guard members have as citizen-soldiers, protecting their state and country when they are called.

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## Ridge Sworn in as Director of Homeland Defense Office

GERRY J. GILMORE  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge today became the nation's first director of the newly created Homeland Security Office.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas swore Ridge into office at a White House ceremony attended by President Bush and other cabinet members. Bush signed an executive order creating the cabinet-level organization in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Bush remarked that Ridge and his office are "charged with strengthening America's protections" and developing a national strategy against terrorism. The Homeland Security Office will "take strong precautions aimed at preventing terrorist attacks, and prepare to respond effectively, if they might come again," the president said.

Bush said the HSO will: Obtain and use the best intelligence information available to fight terrorism. Strengthen and protect U.S. transportation, food and water, and critical infrastructure systems to make the less vulnerable to terrorist attacks. Respond effectively to terrorist actions if they come. Coordinate federal assistance with state and local efforts. Work in conjunction with new Homeland Security Council, chaired by Bush and made up of cabinet members and other senior government officials.

However, while taking efforts to prevent terrorism on American soil, Bush emphasized: "We will not sacrifice the freedoms that make our land unique."

After his swearing in, Ridge thanked the president and noted that the Sept. 11 attacks "changed our nation in so many ways," from the thousands of victims killed to the U.S. military's men and women deployed in the fight against terrorism.

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## Air Control Squadron Answers Call to Serve



Lt. Col. Richard D. Erdmann and Senior Master Sgt. Charles E. Solomon, first sergeant, 103<sup>rd</sup> ACS, review the plans for the new facility at Orange. (Photo by Lt. Col. Charles E. McKellar, HQ CTANG PAO)

LT. COL. CHARLES E. MCKELLAR  
HQ CTANG PAO, AND  
CAPT. GEORGE WORRALL  
103<sup>RD</sup> FIGHTER WING PAO

After the tragic events of Sept. 11, the state and nation has once again called on the airman and soldiers of the Connecticut National Guard to serve and protect the citizens of Connecticut and nation from the threat of terrorism.

This call was immediately apparent to the men and women of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron who were put on notice that they could be called to active duty under the President's Sept. 14 executive order and Title 10 United States Code.

Now that the call-up has occurred and the men and women of the 103<sup>rd</sup> ACS are once again serving their state and nation, Lt. Col. Richard D. Erdmann, commander, 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron recalls his and the units experience during this difficult period:

Q: How did you feel waiting for your call-up?

A: Initially, I was very apprehensive because I wasn't sure how and where the squadron was going to be used.

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# UP FRONT WITH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

By MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM A. CUGNO,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL



## *Increased OpTempo, Thanksgiving and Families*

November marks the start of the busy holiday season for Americans everywhere. However, as members of the Connecticut National Guard family, we know that our Guard has been busy since the tragedies of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our members, including federal civilians, State Military Department employees and our militia members, have been called to serve in various capacities. Whether performing security details at armories and airports, providing air security over the country, or peacekeeping missions overseas, our force is strong, professional and more publicly supported than ever. This increase to op tempo has resulted in an obvious increase to time away from home.

During the month of November, the Department of Defense will honor the families of our military forces during Military Family Appreciation Week. Appropriately, this celebration begins on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the week of Thanksgiving. Throughout this week, families everywhere will travel to relatives' homes to share the holiday while our troops are serving to protect the Americans' right to freedom.

The military family is one that often suffers separations during the holiday season and

this year will be no different. In fact, it may be even more difficult. It is my hope that you can find comfort in knowing that the work they are doing is of benefit to our State, Nation and World. More importantly, the Governor of our great state and the leadership of the Connecticut Guard recognize that without the love and support of a member's family, their service would not be possible.

This special year, as our Connecticut Guard Family celebrate Thanksgiving – some in our state, some across the nation and some overseas, we reflect on the many blessings we enjoy individually and share as Americans.

From its pilgrim heritage, Thanksgiving has come to signify the American spirit – a spirit both of self-reliance and of gratitude for the abundance in our land. That spirit, more than anything, helps to nurture the freedom and prosperity that Americans hold so dear. That same spirit sustains our membership, their families and civilians who defend our freedom.

George Washington made Thanksgiving his first proclamation for our new nation and this holiday has become America's oldest tradition. We continue as a nation what was

begun by our founding fathers; to affirm our love of family, friends and community, and bestow blessings upon one another for the bountiful harvest that we share.

So as we celebrate the holidays over the next several weeks, let us keep our uniformed men and women everywhere in our thoughts and prayers, for we in the military are part of one large extended family. May we also be reminded of what's most important in life – our families, our friends, their love and undoubtedly, our liberty.

As we offer thanks with family and friends this holiday, let us remember those less fortunate and the countless others who cannot celebrate the day with their loved ones.

Proudly, we will continue to serve as our Governor and President call on us because we are a competent, prepared force. To all families – my thanks for your patience, your contributions, your understanding and certainly for your service, because we know our Guard could not survive without your support.

Carolyn and I wish you and your families all the very best this Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless all of our service members, our families and America.

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## ENLISTED UPDATE

### *Rumor Control More Important Now Than Ever*

What is a rumor? According to The American Heritage Dictionary a rumor

is "unverified information of uncertain origin usually spread by word of mouth." And rumors, by their very nature, can hurt and create uncertainty. That is why it is more important now than ever that we keep rumor control uppermost in our minds.

We have all heard several rumors since the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks in New York and Washington, DC. We have heard about further attacks. We have heard a great deal about potential and real anthrax cases. We have heard about troop movements here and overseas. And we have heard countless other stories.

The key words in the above definition are unverified and uncertain origin. If you cannot verify information you have heard, or cannot trust its origin, don't repeat it. It's that simple.

I cannot tell you how many times a soldier, retiree or family member has come to me in the past month-and-a-half and said to me, "Sergeant Major, I don't know if it's true or not, but I heard..." You can insert just about anything related to the attacks and the military mission where the three dots are.

Soldiers and airmen need to hear the truth, not rumors. Most of our soldiers and airmen are traditional Guardsmen who drill one weekend a month and two weeks annually, but either work or go to school full-time. Our people deserve better than rumors, especially when it comes to the everyday living of their lives. They have families, employers and schools that need honest answers to what is going to happen to them, not speculation. And that's exactly what rumors are – speculation. Let's not have our soldiers and airmen worrying needlessly about disruptions in their lives because of rumors. There are enough disruptions already just based on the facts.

We have soldiers in Bosnia and their families

who are worried enough without the added stress of rumors. Imagine yourself half a world away from your loved ones only to have them emailing, calling and writing about all kinds of rumors circulating back home that may or may not have any basis in fact. The family member is already worried enough just having their loved one so far away home, especially with the holidays coming up, and don't need additional worries on their plates.

We have a responsibility as senior NCOs and enlisted soldiers and airmen to make sure our people are taken care of. Part of taking care of our people means making sure they are well-trained, well-informed and, for those overseas, comfortable in the knowledge that we are taking care of their families – our own extended families.

Let's not add to anyone's anxiety level. Let's not spread any rumors.

Arm yourselves with the truth, and there's no one in the world that can defeat us.



# 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing Returns from Missions in Southwest Asia

CAPT. GEORGE H. WORRALL  
103<sup>rd</sup> FIGHTER WING PAO

The Connecticut Air National Guard's 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing has returned home from the Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation, which brought members to

Operations Southern and Northern Watch.

During September, nearly 400 "Flying Yankees" of the 103d Fighter Wing rotated through positions at a variety of locations on the Arabian Peninsula and in Turkey.

The aviation side of the unit was tasked primarily to perform Combat Search and Rescue missions, known as CSAR, from Kuwait with the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft.

In a CSAR mission, Flying Yankee pilots direct the recovery of friendly forces whose aircraft are damaged over Iraq. Connecticut pilots stood ready to launch a CSAR response on a moment's notice whenever coalition aircraft flew into Iraq.

The A-10 aircraft, known as the "Warthog," is designed to destroy tanks and other armored vehicles in close support of ground troops. The aircraft's armored cockpit and ability to fly for long periods are assets in the CSAR role. The aircraft and crews may also be tasked for the anti-armor mission while deployed.

"We had airplanes on alert 24 hours a day from the day we got there till we left," said Lt. Col. Daniel R. Peabody, commander, 103<sup>rd</sup> Operations Group who served as the detachment commander for the 118<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. "We were tasked with 242 alert sorties and we actually flew on 92. We flew when on airborne alert in support of the packages of aircraft dropping bombs."

Success when flying CSAR missions is difficult to measure as the best scenario is the actual mission will never need to be completed.

"It's a good thing to not complete those type of missions because that means something bad did not happen to somebody else," said Peabody.

To be certain missions would succeed if needed while deployed, the unit conducted CSAR exercises.

"In the exercises more than 20 aircraft from a strike package would simulate doing the actual mission," said Peabody. "Two survivors on the ground simulate an aircraft shoot down with both guys bailing out. We went and escorted the helicopters in to bring the guys to a safe haven. The commander there said it [the last exercise] was the best he had ever seen."

The aircraft cannot fly without aircraft maintenance, weapons and other logistical support. Tasks trained for at home station were tested in the very different environment of Southwest Asia.

"When we first got there the temps stayed



The team from the 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron unfurls a flag at their compound in Kuwait Oct. 5. (103rd Civil Engineering photo)



Left: Staff Sgt. Michelle Wink, 103rd Mission Support Flight, waits with son Joseph, 3, to greet husband and father Staff Sgt. Chad Wink, 103rd Maintenance Squadron, on his return from Kuwait Oct. 3. Right: Capt. (C.A.P.) Robert W. Pilletere holds properly attired daughter Tori, 6 months, as they await Senior Airman Cheryl Pilletere's, 103rd Services Flight, departure for Saudi Arabia Sept. 8. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeanne Daigneau 103rd Communications Flight)



around 120 degrees, which was a big adjustment for our people," said Lt. Col. Frederick Miclon, commander, 103<sup>rd</sup> Logistics Group who deployed as the executive officer for the 118<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. "Folks worked around the clock in 12 hour shifts and supported all the requirements to fix broken aircraft. Some of our folks did a lot of things above what would normally be expected."

The heat was a common theme in virtually all descriptions of the deployment.

"When the planes first came in and we took off the tanks it was about 125 degrees," said Tech. Sgt. Eric C. Field, crew chief, 103<sup>rd</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron who deployed

to Kuwait for 30 days. "You can't just stop because of the heat, you have to get the airplanes ready."

"The unit motto there is one team, one fight," said Miclon. "Our people proved that and our ammo troops even earned an award working side by side with the active duty, Guard and Air Force reserve in the bomb dump."

Members of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Services Flight worked out of Saudi Arabia to conduct dining facility management and mortuary affairs.

Working in several 24-hour dining facilities, flight members worked directly with natives of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan, giving them personal experiences with the

Southwest Asian people.

Other personnel were tasked with putting together a war-time working mortuary capable of handling casualties from all of Southwest Asia.

"Updating their [the base's] mortuary procedures and directives seemed even more critical the day after we arrived, September 11," said Senior Airman Cheryl Pilletere, mortuary affairs specialist, 103<sup>rd</sup> Services Flight.

"Our training objectives were met and surpassed," said Pilletere. "We impressed the active duty. I remember our services commander there said he didn't realize how trained and prepared we were as Air National Guard members."

Security forces personnel deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Northern Watch. While there, they provided security for air force weapon systems, anti-terrorism force protection and overall flight-line and base security.

"They met-up with other reserve forces in Turkey," said Capt. Robert V. Ware, commander, 103<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces Squadron. "Together they integrated with the active duty forces to provide the whole gamut of security including patrols and heavy weapons teams."

Guardmembers from the 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing also deployed as individuals to support the active duty Air Force. Members who deploy alone normally fill specialized positions that need support.

"They were in the middle of year-end closeout and had a new person and one out at training, so they needed me," said Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer M. Little, budget analyst, 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing, who deployed to Turkey on one week's notice to replace a member who became unavailable. "It worked out well. I was stayed another seven days because no aircraft were coming and going [after September 11]."

Although she did not deploy with a unit, other Guardsmen from Connecticut and the nation made the sparse conditions, five people per tent, more like a unit deployment.

"Every time I turned around I met more Guardsmen," said Little. "It was amazing how many Guard people were there to support the mission."

Guardsmen from the 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron lent their expertise to keep the deployed bases operating efficiently.

At a base in the United Arab Emirates, the engineers repaired a range of electrical problems, lighting and set up tents. The most excitement was found on emergency calls where they brought the base back from a power outage and repaired a hangar door so an aircraft could get out and complete its mission.

# War With Unconventional Enemies: al-Qaida and Taliban

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65<sup>th</sup> PCH

After the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks on America, the United States was pushed into a new kind of war with an unconventional enemy. This new enemy is the terrorist, a militant extremist with little or no regard for human life. The U.S. Government has named Osama Bin Laden and his al-Qaida network as public enemy number one. Al-Qaida is an international terrorist group dedicated to opposing non-Islamic governments with force and violence. Al-Qaida is a multinational support group which funds and orchestrates the activities of Islamic militants worldwide.

The organization's primary goal is the overthrow of what it sees as the corrupt and heretical governments of Muslim states, and their replacement with the rule of Sharia (Islamic law). Al-Qaida is intensely anti-Western, and views the United States in particular as the prime enemy of Islam. Bin Laden has issued three "fatwahs" or religious rulings calling upon Muslims to take up arms against Americans. Much of the driving philosophy behind al-Qaida was formed during the Afghan war of 79-89. Al-Qaida's leader, Osama bin Laden came to see

that conflict in the light of "Muslim believers vs. heretics." In his view, the term, "heretics" embraces the "pragmatic" Arab regimes (including his homeland, Saudi Arabia), and the United States, which he sees as taking over the Muslim holy sites of Mecca and Medina, and assisting the Jews in their conquest of Palestine. Throughout bin Laden's public statements and declarations runs one fundamental and predominant strategic goal: the expulsion of the American presence, military and civilian, from Saudi Arabia and the whole Gulf region.

Al-Qaida grew out of the Afghan war against the Soviet Union more than 20 years ago. Its core members consist of Afghan war veterans from all over the Muslim world. Saudi militant Osama bin Laden established al-Qaida around 1988. Based in Afghanistan, bin Laden uses an extensive international network to maintain a loose connection between Muslim extremists in diverse countries. Working through high-tech means, such as faxes, satellite telephones and the internet, he is in touch with an unknown number of followers, known as cells all over the Arab world, as well as in Europe, Asia, the United States

and Canada. Osama Bin Laden recruits terrorists from around the world. He pays for the transportation of the new recruits to Afghanistan, and set up facilities to train them.

Accused of inciting violence in hotspots around the world, Afghanistan's Taliban has emerged as a force to be reckoned with. The Taliban, translated in Arabic to mean "the students," managed to seize control of most of Afghanistan. It controls nearly 90 percent of Afghanistan. The Afghan Taliban government has taken sides with Al-Qaida and has refused to turn over to the U.S., Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden. It has donated land and resources for al-Qaida terrorist camps, while bin Laden provides experts from all over the world on guerilla warfare, sabotage, and covert operations.

It is estimated that as many as 10,000 fighters received training and combat experience in Afghanistan. The United States has begun air strikes against the Taliban for harboring bin-Laden and his terrorist network. It is estimated the Taliban has about 40 thousand soldiers, outdated planes, tanks and rifles.

The Taliban—whose name in Arabic means "seekers of truth," rule with an iron fist. The

Taliban's reclusive supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, has imposed the world's strictest form of Islam on the people of Afghanistan. Music, television, cinema and most forms of entertainment have been banned. Teaching Christianity is punishable by death. Severe restrictions on women's access to health care and education also have been imposed. Women must be covered from head to toe when outside their homes. One woman, who was convicted of killing her abusive husband, was executed publicly by rifle.

Under the Taliban's strict interpretation of Islamic law—a controversial interpretation some Islamic scholars call a gross distortion—women cannot work or attend school and must be covered from head to toe when outside of their homes. Since female doctors generally cannot practice and male doctors cannot see or touch their female patients' bodies, access to medical care for women is severely restricted. In light of the Taliban's role in harboring bin Laden, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have renounced all diplomatic ties with Afghanistan's rulers. Only Pakistan now maintains formal relations with the Taliban.

## First Response Team: CTNG Emergency Operations Center

2<sup>nd</sup> LT. CELINE T. MARINI  
STATE ASSISTANT PAO

As millions of Americans viewed the horrific site of the second plane crashing into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 the Connecticut National Guard Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was immediately placed into full operational status.

The EOC is the central focal point of all operations for both the Army and Air Guard in times of emergency. The EOC is staffed with both Army and Air Guard members from a multitude of backgrounds and specialties. The staff consists of personnel from all divisions such as logistics, personnel, training, aviation and force protection.

The EOC is divided into two sections; one manages current operations while the other plans for future operations.

The normal operation of the EOC is to support the governor, local authorities and communities during natural disasters, civil unrest, and other emergencies.

"This is the first time in history this operation has run to provide homeland defense," according to Lt. Col. Gary Thorstenson, Director of Military Support. "We have been running a 24-hour operation since the attacks."

This consisted of initial response in support of New York City, to current requirements of providing security at airports and military facilities. As the Guard deploys units, one group of EOC staff manages the task at hand while the second group looks at future missions. As the missions mature they are

sent to major commands to facilitate.


Immediately after the attacks, the Connecticut's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, ordered Guard equipment, medical personnel, aviators and military police to respond. The Connecticut National Guard was the first to fly their CH-47's to Teterborough, New Jersey where they were staged for missions. Many units were prepared to assist but no other units left the state.

Medics were called upon to report to the Stamford and Greenwich train stations to give medical support to commuters returning to Connecticut from New York City. In all cases, support was well received.

"We didn't need to support all missions but the Connecticut National Guard was ready, willing and prepared," said Thorstenson. "New York Emergency Management was able to handle and control the situation because of the overwhelming support from the Connecticut Guard, other organizations and the thousands of volunteers nationwide."

Currently, the 85<sup>th</sup> Troop Command is being tasked to take control of the mission of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Military Police. That mission, which was issued by the governor of Connecticut, is to provide airport security. With Troop Command taking control of this operation it will free the EOC to work on future operations.

Currently, more than 250 Connecticut soldiers and airmen have been called upon to support homeland defense.



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Due to the overwhelming response to the terrorist attacks last month, this form is being circulated. This is to get an idea of areas in which the CT Army National Guard could use retiree's and traditional soldier's services. If you are interested, please take a moment to fill this form out and submit it to the address below. You may photocopy this form to submit more than one job category.

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Please check one: ☐ General/Clerical ☐ Engineer ☐ Information Systems  
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## Task Force Med Ready to Answer Call of Duty

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When the World Trade Center was attacked, Task Force Med, comprised of the 118<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, the 141<sup>st</sup> Medical Company and the Detachment 5 of the Troop Medical Clinic were ready to answer the call of duty.

One physician, four physicians assistants, 10 nurses, 75 medics and support personnel were called to state active duty at the Stratford Armory said Lt. Col. Robert Cody, Administrative Officer for the 143<sup>rd</sup> Area Support Group.

Cody established a command post and organized ambulance and treatment teams with medical equipment sets in case they were sent to New York to help after he received a 911 call.

Task Force Med was called at 11:30 a.m. and by 1 p.m. had medics at the Stamford and Greenwich Railroad stations waiting to treat casualties said Cody. One physician assistant and five medics were flown by CH-47 to Teterboro Airport in northern New Jersey.

"It was very depressing to see what happened," said Cody. "I flew just north of Manhattan on the following afternoon to relieve the team in Teterboro. The sight of the plume of smoke coming from Ground Zero was moving. You could smell and taste the smoke from 10 miles away."

Both the soldiers and Cody were very disappointed when they did not get the help treat victims at the World Trade Center. Everyone one was motivated and excited to be a part of the relief effort, according to Cody.

"Task Force Med has been called to state active duty more times this year than any other unit. The soldiers are dedicated and quickly respond to out calls. They are Citizen-Soldiers who make the state and the National Guard proud."



Medics and aviators from the Connecticut Army National Guard are visited in Teterboro, N.J. by Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Adjutant General while they were on duty in support of emergency services following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. (Photos by Maj. John Whitford, State PAO)

## Ridge Sworn In

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"Americans should find comfort in knowing that millions of their fellow citizens are working every day to ensure our security at every level — federal, state, county, municipal," Ridge said.

The job of his office, Ridge said, will be to "identify gaps" in U.S. anti-terrorism efforts "and work to close them."

Referring to yesterday's start of U.S. and anti-terrorist coalition military operations against the Taliban in Afghanistan, Bush remarked: "The best defense against terror is a global offensive against terror, wherever it might be found."

The United States and its allies will maintain "all efforts on all fronts ... to bring evildoers to justice," as part of a long war against global terrorism, Bush emphasized.

The president said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld had told him earlier in the day that the military mission has gone as planned. U.S. and British forces have used aerial bombs and cruise missiles to strike 30 or so Taliban-terrorist controlled targets in Afghanistan such as airfields, training camps, air defense nodes, and command-and-control centers.

At the same time, American fliers have airdropped "over 37,000 kits of food and medicine" to needy Afghan refugees, Bush noted.

(Editor's Note: For information on Connecticut's Homeland Defense Program, see next month's issue of the Connecticut Guardian.)

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## Public Affairs Guidance: Response to Media Rules of Engagement

The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 have drawn a great deal of media attention. Since then, a lot of media focus has been on the military as a whole to include alerts, mobilizations and airport security. In accordance with the law and Constitution, media personnel are free to conduct their business more

or less, as they deem necessary and appropriate. Soldiers and Airmen, however, should adhere to the following rules when dealing with news media:

1. Notify your NCOIC/OIC right away. Notify the State Public Affairs Office at (860) 524-4857 or (860) 883-5336. Do not make any statement

until directed by the State Public Affairs Officer.

2. Treat media with the utmost courtesy and respect.

3. The only authorized spokespersons for the Connecticut National Guard are the State PAO and the 103d FW PAO.

4. When approved, you may respond

to media questions. You may decline to answer questions you are uncomfortable with or do not know the answer to.

5. Refer questions about National Guard operations to your chain of command for forwarding to Maj. John Whitford, State Public Affairs Officer.

## Training OpTempo Increases in Wake of Terrorist Attacks

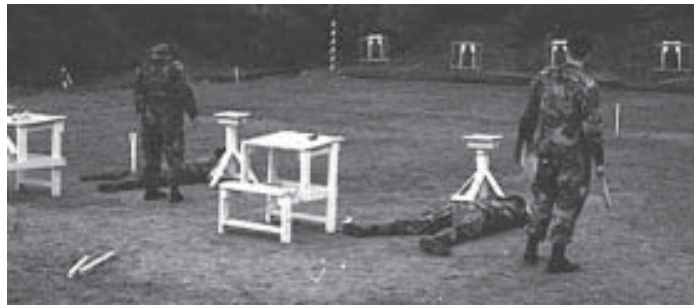
Sgt. Joseph Carl DeCaro  
65th PCH

Since Sept. 11, the operations tempo for Connecticut Guardsmen has increased. While the Connecticut National Guard has always placed a high priority on quality training, Guardsmen now are more determined than ever to make the most of every second of training during a drill weekend. And they are learning more tasks and conducting more cross-training than ever before.

To that end, the Connecticut Army National Guard conducted team follow-on training at Camp Rowland and the East Haven Rifle Range during several weekends in September.

The Guardsmen were trained on pistol marksmanship, rules of engagement, police procedures and other necessary skills in order to back-fill units currently conducting statewide airport security, according to Lt. Col. Gene Mascolo, commander, 14th Civil Support Team.

Mascolo stressed that in addition to the mission to support the President's airport plan to reestablish our citizen's feelings of security, the day-to-day business of the Guard still continues.



Soldiers get instruction on the pistol range. (Photo by Sgt. Joseph Carl DeCaro, 65th PCH)

Mascolo, an administrator with the Derby Police, said they were training more Guardsmen as an additional level of security, which he compared to buying an insurance policy.

"It's there when you need it," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Dan Lawler, a military policeman originally from Bethel, familiarized soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry with basic airport security by providing an overview of military police procedures.

Once trained, Lawler said the infantrymen would provide a valuable asset to the civilian police force.

"We're the eyes and ears of the state police," he said.

A key part of the on going round-robin training at East Haven was cross-training combat arms soldiers, whose primary weapon is the M-16 rifle, with the 9mm Beretta pistol.

"The pistol is not as forgiving as the rifle," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Baker, State Area Command, referring to the Beretta's decreased margin of marksmanship error as compared with the M-16.

He said the lack of hands-on time with the pistol affects the muscle memory required



Loading ammunition. (Photo by Sgt. Joseph Carl DeCaro, 65th PCH)

for holding the weapon and trigger squeeze technique.

Accomplished on very short notice, the follow-on training was assisted by the Marksmanship Training Unit, the 102nd chain of command and the Derby Police Department.

## Connecticut Celebrates Hispanic Heritage: Honors Three Students

Pfc. Shirrod Richardson  
65th PCH

The Connecticut National Guard, the United States Postal Service, the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission and the Connecticut Historical Society celebrated Hispanic heritage and contributions in a special program on recently at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford.

The theme of the celebration was "Paving the Way for Future Generations." Three students from the public school system were presented a "Certificate of Academic Excellence", a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond from the U.S. Postal Service and a plaque.

Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembrzuski, commander of the Connecticut Army National Guard, and Leigh Piscatelli of the U.S. Postal Service presented the awards.

The event's organizing committee, out of more than 80 applicants, selected three academic achievers.

The winners were Sugeilly Rivera of Hartford, a sixth grader at D.F. Burns Elementary School in Hartford; Johnathan A. Leon of Norwalk, an eighth grader at West Rocks Middle School in Norwalk; and Melissa Jacques of East Hartford, an 11th grader at East Hartford High School.

The keynote speaker for this year's event was Fernando Betancourt, Executive Director of the Latino and Puerto Rican

Affairs Commission.

Betancourt has been the executive director of the State of Connecticut Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission since September 1995. He was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and studied at the University of Puerto Rico School of social Sciences and school of Law before moving to the U.S. in 1987 settling in New Haven.

As the executive director, he develops and recommends public policy as it affects the Latino and Puerto Rican communities throughout Connecticut to the Executive and Legislative branches of state government.

Clockwise from top left:

Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembrzuski addresses those attending the Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

Fernando Betancourt, Director of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission was the guest speaker.

Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembrzuski (third from left) and Leigh Piscatelli of the U.S. Postal Service (far right) with the award winning students and their parents at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

(Photos by Pfc. Shirrod Richardson, 65th PCH)





# Medics Return from Bosnia to a New World

PFC. SHIRROD RICHARDSON  
65<sup>th</sup> PCH

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001, 17 of the members of Detachment 1, 141<sup>st</sup> Medical Company were called to participate in the Stabilization Force 9 rotation to Bosnia as a part of Operation Joint Forge. They returned home to a different world and with a new resolve following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

"The 141<sup>st</sup> Medical Company is an extremely well trained unit with a high level of competency and experience," said Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Connecticut's adjutant general and commander of the Connecticut National Guard.

"This year we had more than 1,000 Connecticut Guardsman and Airman deployed overseas participating alongside our active duty counterparts," said Cugno.

"This year will mark the largest deployment of Connecticut Army National Guard soldiers."

For soldiers like Staff Sgt. Pablo Lopez, a medic from the 141<sup>st</sup>, this was an opportunity to get even more experience.

"It seemed great," said Lopez. "I was very excited at the chance to freshen up my medical skills. I've wanted to do something like this for a long time. I worked in the emergency room. I always keep very busy. The hours were long, but deploying and serving in Bosnia was an excellent opportunity."

For medics like Sgt. Christina Jeltema, it was one of the best times she had ever had, "But I was still glad to come home.

"After the attack on the World Trade Center, you really don't feel safe anywhere," said Jeltema. "I wanted to help badly. When I thought of all the people hurt, and killed in the attack, it made me angry to think that a lot of those people were not going to survive. It's my helpful nature. I wanted to make a difference in peoples' lives. That's

why I became a medic. In this war on terrorism, I believe we will play a very important role, and people will start to see that once again."

Medics have helped save many lives over the years and if ground troops finally enter Afghanistan, the medics will be there to help, as they always have been, according to Jeltema.

"I don't want see anymore people hurt," said Jeltema, "but this war on terrorism is very important, not just to the U.S., but the entire world. If things like this continue to happen nobody anywhere will feel safe, they would feel the same way I felt on Sept. 11th.

"I don't want anyone to have to go through that again, so we must fight to see that something like this doesn't happen again. To do that, a lot of men and women are going to have to give up a lot to protect our freedom. As a medic, I will do my best to protect them."



Photos by  
Pfc. Shirrod Richardson, 65<sup>th</sup> PCH  
and  
Maj. John Whitford, State PAO.



## CT AVCRAD Supports Operation Bright Star

STAFF SGT DAVID IRONS  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE  
1109<sup>th</sup> AVIATION CLASSIFICATION REPAIR ACTIVITY DEPOT

Twenty-nine members of the Connecticut Army National Guard's 1109<sup>th</sup> Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD), based at the Groton-New London Airport, deployed to Egypt in support of Operation Bright Star September 4 through November 19.

Operation Bright Star is a joint and combined operation with coalition forces supported by the Central Command (CENTCOM), with the Third United States Army (ARCENT) involving elements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, 377<sup>th</sup> Theatre Support Command (TSC) and Army Material Command - Logistics Support Element-Southwest Asia (AMC-LSE-SWA).

The 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD deployed four rotations of three weeks each, totaling 29 soldiers, to provide depot aviation maintenance for the deployment and redeployment of Active Army and Army National Guard UH-60A/L Black Hawk helicopters.

Other countries participating in this exercise were Canada, Germany, Kuwait, Egypt, Italy, United Kingdom, France, United Arab Emirates and Jordan.

"Operation Bright Star is a great training opportunity. Our soldiers will perform a full



Top: Formation of U.S. Army helicopters flying mission in Operation Bright Star. (Photo courtesy of 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD)

Left: Black Hawk helicopter from Operation Bright Star on airstrip in Egypt. (Photo courtesy of 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD)

spectrum of aviation maintenance missions in an austere environment. The mission preparation, deployment and re-deployment process will enhance our future capabilities," said Lt. Col. William P. Shea, 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD Executive Officer.

"Preparation for this exercise has challenged our staff to effectively complete levels of planning not required in past operations," said Maj. T. Kye Allen, 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD's Maintenance Division Chief. "This is a great opportunity to showcase the Guard's

expertise while working alongside our Active Duty counterparts."

Operation Bright Star included more than 70,000 coalition force participants. This exercise is conducted every other year.

In their stateside mission, the 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD's soldiers support the aircraft of the Army National Guard aviation units in 14 states and Washington, DC. The 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD provides limited level depot maintenance, repairing, overhauling and

painting of aircraft and major components for the US Army and the Army National Guard.

Additional deployments supported in the past have taken AVCRAD soldiers to Germany, South Korea, Bolivia, Honduras, Guyana, Somalia, Canada, Belgium and Saudi Arabia, as well as numerous stateside missions and exercises.

## Air Control Squadron Answers President's Call to Serve

From p. 1

When the events of Sept. 11 unfolded, I was proud that the ACS was up and running within an hour of the first strike. We were providing surveillance support for New England Air Defense Sector, and it is a credit to the entire unit, especially radar maintenance and operations for their rapid response. I knew from that point on that everyone would provide support when needed.

Q: How has the mobilization affected the unit?

A: I have been extremely proud of all my unit members for their unselfish devotion to duty and willingness to do whatever is necessary to provide support to agencies outside the state. My full-time work force has increased from 45 day-to-day to nearly 60, and nearly everyone has gone from a 40-hour week to more than a 60-hour week. The unit is now operational seven days a week. We have also deployed operations officers to two separate locations to support the FAA. This work effort has affected everyone in the squadron.... no one is exempt.

Q: As the mobilization notification evolved into activation how has the unit changed?

A: The initial apprehension has evolved into an everyday work experience, now that we have been active for nearly seven weeks. Everyone was willing to volunteer to help in

whatever way was needed and many have been called in on a one year tour of duty. Employers have been extremely cooperative and supportive of their employees working their military job full time now at the unit.

The activation impacts unit members' individual lives and plans by inserting an air of uncertainty about the future.

"It is definitely impacting my personal life," said Tech. Sgt. John Allen, telecommunications specialist, 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron. "I had planned a big wedding in April and we just postponed it because I can't say I'll be here. Luckily, everyone has been really understanding. I had signed contracts, and everyone from the photographer to the hall just said to tell them when it was convenient to reschedule the wedding. My fiancée and I will probably get married quietly in January and have the big ceremony when all of this ends."

Knowing the importance of the mission helps to keep members focused.

"We're all behind what the president has to say and what we have to do," said Staff Sgt. Paul Marschall, vehicle maintenance specialist, 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron. "I'm all for it. I am really behind it one hundred percent, and I'm sure all of us are."

"Doing the same (as before the activation) function it is just for real now," said Master Sgt. Larry Mayes, operations coordinator,

103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron who calls himself the continuity guy. "I update the schedules and keep the continuity between the different crews."

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron is a Command, Control, Communications, Computer, and Intelligence (C4I) element within a mobile Theater Air Control system. The unit provides a worldwide mobile capability for air surveillance, identification, weapons control and battle management functions from bare base locations that require ground defense and chemical warfare defense. The mobile capability allows them to load their equipment into military aircraft and deploy to bare fields anywhere in the world. Once deployed the unit provides its own power and local phone service in addition to food and security.

Often referred to mistakenly as air traffic controllers, the central players in air control units are called air battle managers.

"Everybody knows what air traffic controllers do, they keep airplanes apart, but our air battle managers tasking is to get them together," explained Erdmann.

Examples of typical missions are safely directing the refueling rendezvous of a tanker and fighter aircraft or directing a fighter aircraft to a target.

"We organize the air battle info and get it

out to the field, making them aware of ground and air threats essential to mission accomplishment."

"It is a challenging mission and essential to national security," said Capt. John Sorgini, air battle manager, 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron who had to leave law school because of the activation. "It is a tasking none of us foresaw but we definitely will succeed in fulfilling."

The unit has sophisticated mobile communication equipment to link aircraft with ground stations and satellites, which requires a great deal of power generating equipment.

The power equipment is the backbone of the unit's state mission, as Connecticut often counts on using the unit's high-powered generators when snowstorms and hurricanes strike the state.

The squadron's outstanding record was recognized with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1993, and was named the National Guard's Outstanding Air Control Unit in 1996.

"We are looked to when a tough task needs to be done quickly and done professionally, said Erdmann. "Recent world events have once again put us in the forefront and we have responded with class and dignity. The enthusiasm of the troops is infectious."



# Spirit of Connecticut Dedicated, Supports NY Relief Efforts

SENIOR AIRMAN JASON SMITH  
437<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On an unseasonably warm and sunny day in East Granby, Connecticut, P-75, the latest production model of the C-17 Globemaster III, was officially named the Spirit of Connecticut during a dedication ceremony.

Eleven members from Charleston Air Force Base (CAFB), including Col. Karl Young, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton, 437 AW command chief master sergeant, were on hand for the Oct. 12 ceremony held at the Connecticut Air National Guard Base in East Granby.

In his comments, Gen. Charles "Tony" Robertson Jr., commander in chief of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command commander, said the great men and women of Pratt and Whitney, the Connecticut-based company that builds the aircraft's engines, and the people of the Constitution State have ultimately made the C-17 possible. Robertson said transferring the country's anger about recent terrorists events into international accountability depends a great deal on the success of the C-17, and the Spirit of Connecticut has already shown what it can do.

"In the very short time that she's been a member of my command, 160 total flying hours, the Spirit of Connecticut has already proved herself worthy," said Robertson. "If you want another note for your scrapbook, her very first operational mission, very first mission, was to transport disaster relief equipment in support of the rescue effort in New York City. She's been busy ever since, moving troops and equipment to far away places to oppose those who would challenge our way of life."

Louis Chenevert, Pratt and Whitney president, spoke after Robertson and thanked the men and women of the Air Force for the special recognition.

"We are proud to be honored," said Chenevert. "This is a representation of the passion and commitment of the people of Pratt and Whitney and the people of Connecticut. I'm glad to see Gen. Robertson feels we're successful in our mission. We are happy to build as many engines as are needed to carry on the commitment, and we will continue our legacy in Connecticut of building quality engines."

"I'm very proud to represent Governor Rowland today and welcome Gen. Robertson and Mr. Daniels, president of Boeing, to Connecticut," said Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembrzski, commanding general of the Connecticut Army National Guard. "Gov. Rowland has been uplifting the Spirit of Connecticut's citizens since the terrible events of 11 September. It's extremely symbolic that this aircraft's first mission was to fly disaster supplies and equipment to victims in New York City. The Spirit of Connecticut will carry food and supplies to those in need and



Even the airplane's engine nacelle cover displays the famed Pratt eagle and "Spirit of Connecticut" logo. (Photo by C. John Zirolli, The Airport News)

magnificent American warriors to destroy our enemies."

Representatives from Senator Joseph Lieberman's office and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office and Retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former Air Education and Training Command commander, also spoke at the ceremony. The tone of all the speeches was one of thanks to the members of the military. After the guest speakers were finished, approximately 100 people, including local media members, gathered around the C-17.

"I think it [naming the aircraft for the state] is a wonderful thing for Connecticut," said Col. Daniel R. Scace, commander 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing, whose base hosted the event. "The teamwork between Boeing, Pratt and the Air Force is unprecedented and kind of the direction where the aircraft building business is going in the future. They worked together as a team to give the Air Force the best product."

Chenevert, Jennifer Dollberg, Pratt and Whitney engineer, and Mike Stone, local chapter president of the International

Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers pulled a cord, unveiling the name above the door of the aircraft. A cheering crowd quickly lined up at the door to get a closer look inside the aircraft.

The crew of the Spirit of Connecticut mingled with the ceremony guests, answering questions and telling stories about their experiences with the plane. Long time Pratt and Whitney workers seemed the most excited about getting an up close look at the aircraft.

"The men and women of Pratt and Whitney have been building engines for the U.S. Air Force for a long, long time," said Gary Minor, Pratt and Whitney vice president of public affairs. "Then we ship them off, and they're put on airplanes, and they go fly. We're very proud of that, but to actually see the airplane come in to our state and to see the whole thing flying just means an awful lot to the folks at Pratt and Whitney. The people here, just like the people who fly these planes for the Air Force, have a lot of pride in what they do. To see the whole airplane here, especially with the Spirit of Connecticut on it, just means a whole lot our folks."

Several thousand workers may have a hand in each F-117 engine from production start to finish, according to Minor. He said the Pratt and Whitney workers feel a sense of ownership in each engine they produce.

"This one airplane says it's the Spirit of Connecticut," said Minor. "We'd like to think that every C-17 with four Pratt and Whitney engines on it has got a little bit of the Spirit of Connecticut flying with it all the time, along with the spirit of our people who put their hearts and souls into this work."

Pratt and Whitney employees watch the news and stay focused on current events, according to Minor. They know their engines are flying missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and seeing the planes on the news strengthens their dedication to produce the best product they can.

"Right now there are an awful lot of men and women in the Air Force who are depending on our engines," said Minor. "You can see the work you're doing is really important, so during this type of time, maybe we take a little extra pride in what we do, and maybe a little extra care to realize what it is that we're involved in. You guys really do have to depend on those four engines, and we know they better be the best we can make them."

While working to get the aircraft ready for flight after the ceremony, the Spirit of Connecticut's crew chief, Staff Sgt. John Carter, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, said he was proud to have his name on the aircraft.

"I take pride in this airplane by taking care of it the best I can," said Scott. "I make sure it's up and running, and I try to keep it looking a little better than the rest of them out there. I'm happy to represent the state of Connecticut and the people who work here at Pratt and Whitney through this aircraft."

Robertson's remarks about the proven capabilities of the Spirit of Connecticut were solidified as the crew prepared the aircraft for departure. The plane was scheduled to fly directly back to CAFB, but was diverted to McGuire AFB, N.J., and Langley AFB, Va., to pick up cargo. Two large fire trucks and two pallets were loaded on the C-17 before it returned home at midnight.



The cowl of one engine was opened to allow spectators to see the Pratt & Whitney powerplant up close. (Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

# Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off Celebration Held at Capitol

CAPT. ANNE-MARIE GARCIA  
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ADMINISTRATOR

The day began with clouds and a light drizzle, but soon the sun came out and the Newington High School band started playing "The Star Spangled Banner" Americans, young and old, moved quickly to attention as they heard the first verse. This all took place on the Capitol Steps in Hartford in honor of Red Ribbon Week Celebration. More than 400 students from Hartford, Farmington, Newington, Rockville/Vernon, Waterbury and other surrounding towns attended the event. Red Ribbon Week Campaign originated when drug traffickers in 1985 murdered Federal Agent Enrique Camarena. After his death a small community displayed red ribbons out of respect for Camarena's courage. The red ribbon has grown...it is a symbol of commitment to reduce the demand for illegal drugs in each community. The mission of the Red Ribbon Week Campaign is to present unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug free America. This campaign is designed to establish a network of people in every community to support drug free choices. The Connecticut National Guard in partnership with The Capital Area Substance Abuse Council (CASAC) and The Drug Enforcement



Administration (DEA) has held this annual event for the last four years. Resident Agent in Charge of the DEA in Hartford, Mark Kaczynski was the Master of Ceremonies for the event; his agency, in partnership with the Connecticut National Guard Aviation Role Models For Youth Program (A.R.M.Y.) has been instrumental in providing DEA agents that go out and speak to students throughout the week during Red Ribbon Celebration. Senator Kevin Sullivan was one of several guest speakers that spoke to the students about staying drug free. The keynote speaker was Ginger Katz from the Courage to Speak Foundation; her son died of an overdose at the age of 21. Since then she has been traveling around the country talking to young people about the devastation and tragedies of using drugs. Students from the various schools gave speeches on what they felt their Anti-Drug was. Blue Hills Community Center in Hartford had its students paint a mural depicting role models and mentors in their community they helped them stay clean and not join gangs and do drugs. If you have any questions about other Drug Free events or Educational & Leadership Programs please call @860-493-2724 and ask for Capt. Anne-Marie Garcia or Master Sgt Melisa Lata.



(Top) Students and staff of Blue Hills Community Center in Hartford show off the mural they painted in honor of Red Ribbon Week.



(Left) Students and adults gather on the steps of the state capitol to celebrate the start of Red Ribbon Week.

(Photos by Capt. Anne-Marie Garcia, Drug Demand Reduction Administrator)

## 3rd ID Transfers Authority in Bosnia to Guard's 29th Infantry

SGT. 1ST CLASS DAVID MOORE  
NCOIC OF THE 29TH ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Army News Service, Oct. 16, 2001) — The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) passed command of Bosnia's Multinational Division (North) to the 29th Infantry Division (Light) in a ceremony Oct. 5 at Eagle Base.

The transfer of authority signified an end to the Marne Division's two six-month tours of duty with Stabilization Forces 8 and 9, and the beginning of the 29th ID's mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The 29th ID, known as the "Blue and Gray", consists of soldiers from the Maryland and Virginia National Guard as well as several other states, including Connecticut. About 250 soldiers from Connecticut's 143rd Forward Support Battalion and Company B, 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry are also deployed as part of the 29th ID.

"After one year in Bosnia, today is a bittersweet day for me and for the TFE soldiers of SFOR 8 and 9 who have devoted themselves, their energy and their hearts to helping Bosnia and to taking care of one another," said Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, commander, 3rd ID (M) and MND(N). "I am proud of all soldiers in what is truly a Multination Division."

It was Oct. 5, 2000, when Sharp took command from the 49th Armored Division of the Texas National Guard. On that date, Sharp issued four objectives, and at the formal hand-off to the 29th, Sharp reported that more than four objectives were met to maintain a safe and secure environment in Bosnia Herzegovina.

Since last October, Sharp reported that 32,000 refugees and displaced persons have been returned to their pre-war homes. Local police are doing well by maintaining law and order in the region. The peaceful Srebrenica observance on July 11 was an achievement that showed the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina are able to demonstrate tolerance for one another, Sharpe said, "while showing the world that progress has been made in the country."

Progress has also been made in the once-embattled city of Brcko, Sharpe said. The area has been targeted for more than \$1.2 million in U.S. aide funds for improving the community's infrastructure. Community leaders developed an economic strategic plan. Also, the area became the first in Bosnia to integrate a multi-ethnic curriculum for students.

"The majority of the Brcko citizens chose

peace and tolerance over aggression and separatism," Sharp said.

Despite the threat of having a splintered military in Bosnia-Herzegovina by Third Entity forces, problems are being overcome by tolerance, communication and adherence to the rule of law, he added.

Notwithstanding the past year's achievements, Sharp also stressed that there was still more peacekeeping work to do for the 29th. Noting that he was convinced that the citizens of Bosnia just wanted to return to a normal life free of violence and hatred to work, worship, and living, Sharp stressed that it was time for Bosnia-Herzegovina to take the responsibility and move forward as one country rather than two.

"It's time for the people and the leaders of this country to demand changes that unite Bosnia-Herzegovina," urged Sharp.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, and the commander of the Stabilization Force for the region, Lt. Gen. John B. Sylvester, also attended the transfer of authority ceremony.

"The soldiers of the Rock of the Marne division met their milestones and were highly capable and successful leading the

SFOR 8 and 9 rotations in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Sylvester said during the ceremony.

Maj. Gen. H Steven Blum, commander of the 29th Division, assumed command for Task Force Eagle and MND(N).

"Today is a great day for two of the truly great divisions in the history of the United States Army" Blum said. "One is celebrating a job well done and is heading home. The other, as a division, is making its first call to overseas duty since World War II and realizes that it must meet the standard of excellence in performance."

During World War I and World War II, the 3rd and 29th Infantry Divisions fought with distinction in different areas of France and Germany.

Blum gave credit to the U.S. Army for preparing the division for peacekeeping duties and gave thanks to 3rd Infantry Division for its part in the smooth transition from one SFOR to the next.

Upon returning to the United States later in the evening, Sharp announced mission accomplished. As for the future, Sharp said, "We have a detailed training plan and I am confident we will be ready to go once our nation calls again."



# Connecticut Military Department News

## STARBASE Youth Program Open for Business in Connecticut

KATHERINE LEAVITT  
DATA PROCESSING, CONNECTICUT MILITARY DEPARTMENT

STARBASE began in 1989 with a dream to create an educational program which responded to the needs of the nation's youth through an engaging hands-on curriculum focusing on science, math, technology, goal setting, personal development skills and drug demand reduction.

STARBASE/Connecticut is an academic outreach program for at-risk youth that incorporates a fast paced curriculum of hands-on activities, on-site tours, classroom experiments, and support from volunteer experts within the Connecticut Army and Air National Guard and the community.

Today, there are sites in California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan,

Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming. There are multiple sites in the states of California, Florida, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota and Texas. Each program site received important in-kind support from its host by way of interaction with military personnel, resources and technology. Further expansion of the program will continue with several new sites starting up in the 2001 fiscal year.

STARBASE/Connecticut operates one site, which is located with the State Aviation Section Complex at Brainard Airport in Hartford. This STARBASE facility includes two dedicated classrooms; one shared classroom and one computer room,

restrooms and staff offices. Student data and all documents pertaining to the daily operation of the program will be housed in the STARBASE facility and will be available upon request.

STARBASE/Connecticut will operate 12 months per year and serve elementary and middle grade students. The program will be structured in five-week Academies, each Academy consisting of four individual classes. Classes will be scheduled to provide a total of 25 contact hours of instruction and will be conducted Tuesday-Friday on-site at the Brainard Airport STARBASE facility. A minimum of twenty-eight classes will be scheduled during an academic school year with an anticipated size of thirty students per class. Students attend classes one day per week for five consecutive weeks unless

otherwise requested by the school or district. Class schedules will be developed to meet the participating district/school need.

STARBASE/Connecticut is sponsored and supported by the Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, in cooperation with local boards of education. The Connecticut National Guard has been a partner in the education of the students of Connecticut for many years. It has developed and administered several award-winning programs focusing on leadership, character and anti-drug curricula.

Bob Gillanders is the Director of Connecticut's STARBASE program. Along with him, Amy Flynn is the Deputy Director and class instructor.



Students and staff at the first STARBASE/CT class get to know each other (Photos by Pfc. Shirrod Richardson, 65th PCH)



## State Military Department has Employment Opportunity

ANTHONY LEWIS  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
CONNECTICUT MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Airport Crash Rescue Fire Fighter

Salary Range: \$39,835 – \$51,408

The State of Connecticut Military Department is currently seeking to fill one (1) Airport Crash Rescue Fire Fighter position located at the Air National Guard, 100 Nicholson Avenue, East Granby. This position is accountable for the protection of life and property through preventive measure and implementation of Emergency Medical Services, crash rescue and fire fighting techniques.

**EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:** The candidate chosen for this position will serve as a member of an airport fire and crash team on an assigned shift and will function in the

areas of Fire Prevention, Equipment Maintenance, Emergency Medical Services, Communications and Fire Fighting and Rescue.

**EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:** National certification by the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress or State Certification by the CT Fire Academy that meet the provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Fire Fighter 2.

**SUBSTITUTION ALLOWED:** Successful completion of prescribed training and probationary requirements set forth in the class of protective services trainee.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must maintain membership in the

Connecticut Air National Guard and possess Air Force AFSC 57130 or be eligible to attend the Air Force Fire Fighting School within Six months of hire. The candidate will be required to complete required training set forth by Air Force and Air National Guard policies and regulations including the handling of hazardous materials. Must possess and retain a valid CT class 2 motor vehicle operators license, military operator license and DOD security clearance. Candidate may be required to obtain and maintain emergency medical technician certification and must be 18 years of age.

The Candidate chosen must possess general good health and strength to perform the duties of the position. A thorough background investigation will be made before the candidate is certified for permanent

appointment. The candidate may be exposed to a moderate amount of lifting equipment and danger of injury or loss of life during crash and rescue operations.

For information call Anthony Lewis at 860.548.3248 or e-mail [anthony.lewis@po.state.ct.us](mailto:anthony.lewis@po.state.ct.us)

**TO APPLY:**

Submit a State application (Form PLD-1) or resume no later than November 2, 2001 to:

State Military Department

Hartford Armory

360 Broad Street

Hartford, CT 06105

Human Resources, Room # 141



**SENIOR AIRMAN DANIELLE UPTON (LEFT)**  
MULTIMEDIA SPECIALIST, 103<sup>RD</sup> COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

Senior Airman Danielle Upton was working in Washington, D.C. as a photo lab assistant for the White House. "I was at the White House Communications Agency on Annacostia Naval Annex. I was in the photo lab watching CNN. We watched the second plane hit the World Trade Center and then we saw the coverage of the Pentagon being hit. We ran to the side door and you could see the smoke coming up from the Pentagon. We were immediately put on lockdown. The Marines were guarding the complex and the fighter jets were flying overhead. When the Pentagon was hit, it was a little too close to home because we were all right there. It was quite scary and numbing. All the lines of communication were jammed. That afternoon I had about eight frantic messages on my voicemail. It was a terrifying experience."

# Speak

There are events that occur in history that people will always think about when they first heard about them such as the bombing of the Kennedy Jr., Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The next generation will be able to tell their children and grandchildren about the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The streets to ask soldiers, airmen and Military Department employees. 11, 2001. (Compiled by Senior Airman Julie Bragg, 103<sup>rd</sup> Communications Flight, 65<sup>th</sup> PCH)

***"Where were you when you learned about the attacks on the United States, and what were you doing?"***

**RENEE E. CLOUTIER (RIGHT)**  
LEAD VOUCHER EXAMINER, COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS BRANCH

I was working. It was like a bad dream. I could not believe it. I did not know if there were going to be more attacks. I thought nothing good could come of this tragedy.



**MASTER SGT. STEVE MAXAM (ABOVE)**  
NCOIC, NETWORK CONTROL CENTER, 103<sup>RD</sup> COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT.

Master Sgt. Steve Maxam was deployed in Saudi Arabia. "When they flipped on the CNN channel and told us to watch the T.V., we saw the planes hitting the tower, and it looked like a T.V. show, I was waiting for someone to turn it off. It just didn't look real. Our initial thoughts had to do with family back home. And they were concerned for us because we were over there, knowing that is was an act of terrorism, something that comes from the area we were in. I worked with a lot of young airmen and was concerned about their mental states at the time, so I checked on them. I think a lot of them at the time were wishing they could be at home to take care of their families."



**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 JAMES F. LOZINSKI (LEFT)**  
READINESS OFFICER, HHD STARC

I was sitting at my desk when I heard the news. I could not believe it was happening in this country. I was concerned at the fact this might happen again. I thought of my family immediately.

**PFC. ANNA CONIGLIARO (RIGHT)**  
143<sup>RD</sup> MP CO.

I was at Western Conn. State University. I had just gotten out of class, and was getting ready to do homework. My mother called me and told me about it. I then called my unit to see if they needed any volunteers. I knew that they would. I was very worried about my brother who lives in NY.



**SGT. SHELIA TATE (RIGHT)**  
ADMIN NCO RRC, HHD STARC

I was at work when some other soldiers came in and told me. I was shocked. Later, I became a little nervous. What if something happened to me, and I could not get to my daughter? I felt terrible for the victims. It was hard from me to watch it on TV.





# Speak Out

le will always remember where they were and what they as the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the shootings of John F. ther King Jr. and man's first walk on the moon. Now a new grandchildren where they were when they heard about the the Pentagon. The *Connecticut Guardian* recently hit the artment employees to Speak Out about the events of Sept. g, 103<sup>rd</sup> Communications Flight and Pfc. Shirrod Richardson,

**learned about the terrorist attacks  
what were your first thoughts?"**



**STAFF SGT. ERIC LARSON (ABOVE)**  
VIDEO TECHNICIAN, 103<sup>rd</sup> COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT.

Staff Sgt. Eric Larson is the multimedia director at Manchester High School and was at school on the morning of September 11, 2001. "When I heard about it, one of the other teachers came into my department and asked me to turn on all the televisions so everyone could view CNN and MSNBC," said Larson. The school was watching when the second plane hit the World Trade Center. "We knew it was no longer a freak accident. They (the students) were fearful because it hit so close to home. New York City is only a state away," he said. Larson lost one friend in the World Trade Center attack.



**SENIOR AIRMAN CHERYL PILLETE (RIGHT)**  
SERVICES TECHNICIAN, 103<sup>rd</sup> SERVICES FLIGHT.

Senior Airman Cheryl Pillete was deployed to Saudi Arabia and had just gotten off the phone with her husband at 8:30 a.m. eastern time. "I got off the phone with him, walked back to my dorm, turned on CNN, and Bang! It was so surreal. All of the lines of communication had been shut down. I found a pay phone and called my husband to tell him I was okay. In the next few days, they started saying it was a terrorist act with a middle-eastern origin. And there we were in Saudi Arabia. All of the sudden, I didn't feel so safe anymore. That night (September 11, 2001), all of us who were deployed together got together and talked."



**TECH. SGT. JEANNE DAIGNEAU (LEFT)**  
MULTIMEDIA MANAGER, 103<sup>rd</sup> COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

Tech. Sgt. Jeanne Daigneau was working in the Multimedia office at Bradley ANG Base. "The captain came running upstairs telling me to turn on CNN. We saw the second airplane hit the tower. My first initial reaction was 'terrorism.' I wasn't very sad, I was more angry. And I felt bad for the people inside. And when the towers came down, I just knew there would be no survivors."



**ANTHONY LEWIS (LEFT)**  
PERSONAL MANAGER, STATE MILITARY DEPT.

I was calling someone on business. As we were talking, the person told me what had happened. I was in disbelief. I did not believe it was an accident for a moment. I was with my children at the World Trade Center six months ago. I felt fortunate to have been there at one point in time.



**2<sup>ND</sup> LT. ELIZABETH CORDON (LEFT)**  
EDUCATION SERVICES SPECIALIST  
I was at work when I heard it on the radio. I was confused as to if it were an accident at first. When the second plane hit, I knew somebody was attacking the U.S. As a former medic, I desperately wanted to help.



**1<sup>ST</sup> LT. GREGORY KULA (RIGHT)**  
AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 103<sup>rd</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT

"I was in the Intelligence Shop and I heard it on the news. As soon as the second one hit, I knew it was a terrorist attack. The news media hadn't said it yet, but we all knew. And I had worked at the Pentagon for five months last year, on the opposite side of the building, but my immediate concern was for the people I worked with. Also, my brother and sister-in-law work for the FAA as well, and it hit them very hard. I knew this was going to change everything, for good."

## A Message to Department of Defense Personnel

DONALD H. RUMSFELD  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

"On Sept. 24, the president launched the first strike in the global war against terrorism by attacking the financial foundations of terrorist operations around the globe. Today, the United States launched the second.

"As the world knows, U.S. warplanes commenced Operation Enduring Freedom with raids on military targets and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan at approximately 12:30 p.m. Eastern time today. These raids were not a single event or a solitary campaign, but are the first in a sustained and continuous operation to destroy terrorist networks, disrupt terrorist activities and prevent further terrorist atrocities, such as the ones that occurred in the attack on America on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

"Our purpose is to shift the balance of power from the forces of oppression to the forces

of freedom. Over time, we intend to deny to terrorists the country of Afghanistan as a base of operations, provide aid to the Afghan people who are the victims of Taliban oppression, and put terrorists everywhere, and all of those who foster and facilitate them, on notice that we will root them out wherever they exist.

"As the president has said, this is not a mission we sought. Rather, it was thrust upon us. We take these actions in self-defense. We take them in deliberate response to the acts of war directed against the American people. We take them after careful planning, to identify sites where terrorists are trained, supported and harbored. To destroy their infrastructure and suppress their ability to threaten us and others and to send a message that the friends of terrorists everywhere are at risk.

"And, we will continue, in conjunction with our friends and allies around the world, to take whatever action is necessary to defend

freedom and counter terrorist aggression.

"As the men and women of America's armed forces, you are the sharp sword of freedom. You fight without pause and without complaint, on foreign seas and in dangerous skies.

You voluntarily sacrifice a life of ease and the comfort of your families, so that others may enjoy blessings and benefits of liberty.

"Your task will not be quick. It will not be easy. But your mission is clear, your cause is just, and the hearts and prayers of Americans and people everywhere who long for freedom are with you. To each of you, military and civilian, our gratitude and our prayers.

"You have the full confidence and support of President Bush, our commander-in-chief.

"You also have mine.

"We know you are ready and we know we will prevail."



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

(Editor's Note: This message was delivered by Donald H. Rumsfeld on Oct. 7, 2001, at the start of U.S. and coalition air attacks on Taliban-held and terrorist targets in Afghanistan.)

## An Open Letter from the Governor

In recent days Connecticut law enforcement authorities and emergency personnel have been forced to respond to a number of calls relating to concerns about anthrax. In at least one high profile case, the call was nothing more than a hoax.

I want every state employee to know that the state of Connecticut and the federal government take this type of false reporting very seriously. Anyone responsible for such a hoax will be prosecuted fully. In Connecticut, the penalty for filing a false report could be punishable by up to five years in prison. The federal penalties are even greater.

Each time a false report is made it takes valuable public safety resources and personnel away from their primary mission - protecting the public.

**Governor John G. Rowland**

STAFF SGT. ERIC GRILL  
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Officials from the 59th Medical Wing here want people to know that despite recent accounts of anthrax cases being reported since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, there is no reason to panic.

While people know how to react to terrorists' bombs, people do not know how to deal with diseases, said Maj. Caroline De Witt, acting chief of infectious diseases for the 59th MDW at Wilford Hall Medical Center here.

"We are here to reassure people that many of these diseases are treatable if caught early," De Witt said. "The military has been studying possible agents of bioterrorism for a very long time, and we've had years of training to prepare for events like a biological attack."

Education is the key to abating some of the fears that people may have about infectious diseases, De Witt said.

People have been going to military surplus stores and buying gas masks because of that fear, but De Witt said biological agents like anthrax have inoculation periods, and "gas masks won't apply."

While there is a nationwide concern about some sort of biological attack by terrorists, De Witt said that both civilian and military medical officials are ready, and the nation has spent years developing a national pharmaceutical stockpile.

## Biological Attack: Don't Panic, Know Facts

Any of the military services have detailed readiness plans and are able to augment public readiness officials if needed, De Witt said.

Some of the diseases medical officials are watching for include anthrax, smallpox and plague, De Witt said. Smallpox was eradicated worldwide and routine vaccination was stopped around 1980. Therefore, many people remain susceptible to the disease.

Anthrax is produced by the bacteria "Bacillus anthracis." A tough protective coat allows the bacteria to survive for decades as spores.

Anthrax is dangerous because it is highly lethal if not caught in time. It is one of the easiest biological agents to manufacture and relatively easy to develop as a weapon. Anthrax spores, while extremely difficult to aerosolize as a weapon, can be easily spread over a large area and easily stored.

The disease also has an incubation period of one to six days between exposure and symptoms, officials said.

Because of this, De Witt said, "There is reason for a heightened sense of alert, but be reassured that panic is not needed. Very few (biological) agents can be transferred human to human, and many of the diseases are benign and can be treated easily, if caught early."

Anyone who suspects that they have come into contact with a suspicious substance should report it to authorities immediately, De Witt said. The earlier it is reported the better chances of determining what that substance is.

De Witt said that these people should not take any medicines without seeking medical attention first.

"Professionals doing the field tests will let a person know whether they've been exposed or not," she said.

"Field tests can be done quickly and easily to determine if a person was exposed to a biological agent," De Witt said. But, it takes about 24 to 48 hours to confirm what that biological agent is."

While it sounds like a good idea to have a stockpile of medicines in a persons' medicine cabinet, De Witt said she advises against it. These medicines have side effects that can be dangerous if not taken properly; taken by a child; or taken by someone who is pregnant.

For more information about anthrax, contact local medical professionals, or go online to the Department of Defense anthrax Web site at [http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/HTML\\_interface/default.html](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/HTML_interface/default.html).

Visit the new  
*Connecticut*  
*National Guard*  
website at  
[www.ct.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ct.ngb.army.mil)



## OCS: A View From the Inside Responsibilities of an Officer Candidate Platoon Sergeant

OC DAVID J. FLOUNDERS SR.  
OFFICER CANDIDATE CLASS 47

(Editor's Note: This is the third installment of a series of articles about what it takes to get through Officer Candidate School written by the members of OCS Class 47.)

Greetings! My classmates and I come from many and varied backgrounds. Some have seen action in the reserves or while on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force or the Marines (no Coast Guard this class). At present we have M-day, full-time technicians and Active Guard Reserves (AGR).

My own history is unique in the Connecticut OCS Program. While serving in the Navy from 1983-1992, I recommissioned the battleship USS Missouri BB-63 in 1986, decommissioned the Submarine Tender USS Fulton AS-11 in 1991, and served in the R-9 Outside Machine Shop on the Lower Submarine Base in Groton until December 1992. I then left the Active Navy and joined the Inactive Ready Reserves for three years. I joined the Connecticut Army National Guard (CTARNG) in December 1995 and served for the last five years at the 1109<sup>th</sup>

AVCRAD (Aviation, Classification, Repair Activity Depot) as a Turbine Engine Technician. I have attended both BNCO and ANCO (basic and advanced NCO courses), as well as many other schools, including Combat Lifesaver and Master Fitness.

This month's drill (Oct) I will be the OC Platoon Sergeant. Starting Friday night at 1800 I will be the O.C. Commander's direct representative and as such responsible to ensure the Commanders intent is carried out in full. This includes but is certainly not limited to: ensuring accountability of personnel at all times, meeting all time hacks, ensuring details are carried out, etc. There will also be specific items – which may include – meeting an average PT score for the class, a 100 percent pass rate on the weekend exam, beating a set Road March goal or many other functions inclusive of a duty weekend.

On Saturday we will enjoy PT, attend many classes, march to and from chow, do a lot of double time and interact with the TAC Staff.

Come Sunday morning we will complete PT, our classes, details as assigned, and prepare for the final After Action Report (AAR) of the weekend with the TAC Staff. After the AAR we will find out who the leadership for the next weekend will be, hold a quick meeting, and then meet out in town for some off-line interaction. Come the middle of the month we will hold our mid-month meeting and see if the class is prepared to meet the requirements of the coming drill.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my condolences and sincerest regrets to all who lost family and friends during any of the Sept. 11 incidents. We, Class 47, have been reminded that our job is to complete Officer Candidate School to the best of our abilities – WE are the next leaders in the fight against terrorism. As the CTARNG and all services are woefully short of officers, I urge any who are interested to contact your chain of command for information on attending OCS.

If this 37-year-old can complete OCS – SO CAN YOU!

1ST OCS BN  
169TH LEADERSHIP REGIMENT

### OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open House Dates:

17 Nov 01

15 Dec 01

26 Jan 02

23 Feb 02

23 Mar 02

20 Apr 02

1st OCS BN  
169TH LEADERSHIP REGIMENT

Location:  
Camp Rowland  
Niantic, Connecticut  
Phone: 860-691-4214/4212  
Fax: 860-691-4211

Email: colleen.smith@ct.ngb.army.mil

Bring a friend, Spouse or Significant other  
Open House will be in Building 402.  
Leadership Hall. 1000-1200 hours  
Uniform is BDU on duty. Civilian all others.

## Allen Participates in Eight Nation AFSAM Championships

SENIOR MASTER SGT. BERNARD E. DELISLE  
SUPERINTENDENT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
HEADQUARTERS, ARKANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Staff Sgt. Charles E. Allen of Groton, Connecticut, was one of several members of the U.S. National Guard's All-Guard combat pistol team competing at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Skill-at-Arms Meeting, October 4-14 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock.

Allen is assigned as a small arms instructor at Connecticut Army National Guard's Camp Rowland Fire Arms Training Center. He holds numerous shooting awards and decorations, including being a distinguished shooter in pistol competition.

In addition, the sergeant is the holder of the coveted Chief's 50 award, which is presented to the top shooters each year by the Chief,

National Guard Bureau at the annual Winston P. Wilson Championships held at Camp Robinson.

Allen, who employed as a firefighter with the Groton Fire Department, is an avid supporter of the shooting sports and lists shooting as a favored leisure-time activity.

"It is an honor to shoot this match and be a part of the All-Guard Combat Team," Sgt. Allen said. He and his wife Crystal, are the parents of two daughters, Tonya and Rachael.

The AFSAM, hosted by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit at Camp Robinson, is known as one of the world's top shooting events and drew 212 competitors from U.S. and eight foreign teams.

The United States fielded teams from the

active Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, and members of the All-Guard Team, composed of both Army and Air National Guardsmen from throughout the nation.

Foreign teams competing against U.S. forces included: Canada, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Germany, and South Africa.

Teams competed in nearly a dozen battle-focused combat shooting events using both service pistol and service rifle weapons during the week.

Maj. Richard A. Lipe, officer-in-charge for the AFSAM said, "It brings military teams from all over the world to compete in one of the most competitive and exhaustive combat-oriented rifle and pistol marksmanship events in the world."

In addition, "It fosters a greater understanding of the soldiers, equipment, and tactics utilized by allied teams from as far away as Denmark, South Africa and Australia and builds tremendous comradeship within competitors," Lipe observed.

AFSAM is conducted concurrently with the Winston P. Wilson National Championships that involve the best rifle and pistol shooters, snipers and machine gunners from Army and Air National Guard units from most all states and territories.

"The competitors from both events appreciate the opportunity to interact with each other during these events and develop relationships that last a lifetime," Lipe concluded.

## High-Deployment Per Diem Stopped for Enduring Freedom

SGT. 1ST CLASS KATHLEEN T. RHEM, USA  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, 2001 — DoD has suspended its requirement that services track deployment days and pay \$100 per day to troops who are deployed more than 400 days in any two-year period.

The 2000 National Defense Authorization Act mandated that the services report how many days each service member spends deployed. Any service member deployed more than 400 days in the previous two years was to have received \$100 for each

additional deployment day past 400, DoD officials said.

The counting started Oct. 1, 2000, so the earliest anyone could have been eligible for the high-deployment per diem is early November.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz announced the policy change in an Oct. 8 memo to the service secretaries. The suspension took effect immediately he noted.

Brad Loo, deputy director for officer and enlisted personnel management, explained

the counting was suspended by invoking a "national security waiver" authorized in the initial law.

"Days they are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom are no longer being accumulated for purposes of high deployment per diem," Loo said. He added the suspension applies to all service members regardless of where they are deployed, because all are supporting the operation either directly or indirectly.

When the waiver eventually lifts, the services will resume counting the troops' deployed

days where they left off. That is, a service member who had 201 deployed days credited on Oct. 8 resumes the count at 201 when the waiver is lifted, Loo said.

The law initially was intended to generate changes to better distribute the load of deployment across the force, with high-deployment per diem paid to those who absorbed more than their share of that load.

The law provides the waiver so the services wouldn't be penalized for deploying members in a time of national emergency, Loo explained.

## TGIF – The Guard Is Family

### *Who is the Connecticut National Guard's Family?*

KIMBERLY HOFFMAN  
STATE FAMILY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

As our Nation mourns the tragedies that occurred on September 11<sup>th</sup>, we cannot help but think of all the people who have had their family units restructured through the loss of a parent, spouse, sibling, child, relative, friend or co-worker. At the same time, however, we as citizens of this great country have a new found sense of unity with one another; a need to share our time, money and talents with those who are suffering as a result of this attack.

The Connecticut National Guard Family has been no different than any other one during this time. Our own family has experienced the emotions all Americans have felt and some that are unique to a military family. For those families who have just sent a loved one to Bosnia, fear that they will be reassigned to a neighboring country is ever present in their minds. For others, having a soldier assigned to guard our in-state military installations and airports is equally as stressful. Full-time employees, who include our civilian federal and state employees, have close friends and co-

workers who may be called to serve their country as well. Still, with all that is going on in the world around us, Americans try to return to routines and now begin preparing for the holiday season.

In our defense network, we are attempting the same. While our military missions remain the priority, we are also trying to return to our "normal" routines. One step toward that will be the observance of National Military Family Appreciation week that begins on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. During this week, please take a moment to think about how unique a military family truly is.

The Connecticut National Guard family is not the stereotypical service member, spouse and children. Our family is much larger and diverse. It is the great American melting pot of many different cultures, races, talents, strengths and weaknesses, too. When brought together though, we are a strong defense system capable of sustaining our military mission and protecting those we love most.

Our CTNG family is made up of retirees like

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Ret.) John Bednarz and his wife Ginny, who is a State Military Department retiree. Both continue to volunteer long hours with the NG Family Program sharing their experiences as a military member and employee who lived through the Persian Gulf deployment. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ronald Trafford and his wife Joan, a former national representative to the National Guard Bureau's Advisory Council on Family Programs, are still actively involved supporting our Guard families even though Chief Trafford recently retired from the 143d Forward Support Battalion.

Our family also includes dual military couples like Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Tinnelle who is currently deployed to Bosnia with the 102d Infantry and his wife Lauri who is a member of the Connecticut Air National Guard. They have a new daughter, Jessica, just a few months old who faces the very real possibility that both her parents may be deployed at the same time.

We also have families, like the Riveras, (last year's NG Family of the Year), who cover multiple levels of NG participation. Maj. Juan

Rivera recently returned from a short tour in Brazil, wife Donna is a member of the State Advisory Team on Family Programs and former president, and daughter Marina is an Air National Guard member who is recently married and expecting her first child. Their sons, Johnnie and Peter are also both active participants in the NG's Teen Council.

Many of our young service members are not married and still live at home with their parents and other siblings. We have seen an increased level of participation from this sector and we gladly welcome their different perspective on what a NG family can be like. The greatest misconception about the NG Family Program is that you have to be married to participate. Our Program and our family are open to anyone who has a service member in our organization or who has a special place in their heart for America's military forces. So, please, during the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>, take a moment to remember that you are part of a great nation and a huge family – The Connecticut National Guard!

## Education Essentials

### *News for College Students Called to Active Duty*

LT. COL. WILLIAM SOBOTA  
MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFICER

Our National Guard soldiers and airmen who are also students have a particularly strong interest in the recent call-up of National Guard and Reserve units throughout the country.

Several questions have already been asked regarding their status if activated and what happens to their investment in tuition, books, and other obligations such as student loans.

The U.S. Department of Education has initiated positive measures to address this issue. The president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities has issued an official letter to all their members supporting financial and administrative deferral or relief from student loan obligations, credit for work completed, and flexible re-enrollment policies. Under the department's guidance, lenders will automatically postpone the student loan payments of borrowers during the period of the borrower's active duty service. Borrowers will not be required to make payments to their lenders during the term of their military service, as well as for a reasonable amount of additional time for the borrower to resume enrollment in school. Also, the department strongly encouraged colleges and universities to provide either a full refund of tuition and other institutional charges or comparable credit to students forced to withdraw from school to fulfill their military obligations. Students who withdraw

because they are called to active duty or have been affected by the military mobilization will not be required to return financial aid funds they received for books and living expenses.

The Connecticut National Guard is committed to supporting every soldier and airman through any period of mobilization. For advice concerning your status you may call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Elizabeth Cordon at 860-524-4816, your student advisor/counselor at school, or 1-800-4FEDAID. The USDE policy may be viewed at <http://www.ed.gov/PressReleases/09-2001/09242001c.html>.

U.S. Education Department Grants Loan Relief to Military Personnel Called to Active Duty

Also asks colleges and universities to refund tuition and charges

To assist members of the military who have been reassigned or activated as a result of the recent terrorist attacks, the U.S. Department of Education today directed lenders and colleges and universities to provide them with relief from their student loan obligations.

"The young men and women who serve our country have an enormous job to do in the coming months," said U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige. "The actions we are taking today will ease their financial burdens as they defend our country in these challenging times."

Today's actions apply to members of the National Guard and the Ready Reserves of the Armed Forces who have been called to active duty. The department's guidance relates to student loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan, William D. Ford Loan, and Federal Perkins Loan programs.

Under the department's guidance, lenders will automatically postpone the student loan payments of borrowers during the period of the borrower's active duty service. Borrowers with subsidized student loans will be eligible to have the federal government assume the interest payments on their loans while they are on military duty.

For military personnel called to active duty whose loans are not yet in repayment because they are currently students, or have only recently left school and are therefore in a grace period, the department has directed lenders to hold their loans in their current deferment status. Borrowers will not be required to make payments to their lenders during the term of their military service, as well as for a reasonable amount of additional time for the borrower to resume enrollment in school. In addition, borrowers generally receive a 6 to 9 month grace period after leaving school, and the department's action ensures that these students will not lose the benefit of this grace period as a result of their service.

In additional guidance, the department strongly encouraged colleges and

universities to provide either a full refund of tuition and other institutional charges or comparable credit to students forced to withdraw from school to fulfill their military obligations. The department also urged schools to offer flexible re-enrollment options to these affected students and to other students who have been forced to withdraw from school as a result of the terrorist attacks.

"Many people's families and livelihoods have been dramatically changed by recent events," Paige said, "and I hope the nation's colleges and universities will give people time and flexibility to return to their normal routines and activities, just as I hope they work with the department to help our military reservists make the transition to active duty."

The department's actions also relax requirements that schools return federal financial aid to the government when a student aid recipient withdraws from school. As a result of today's actions, students who withdraw because they are called to active duty or have been affected by the military mobilization, as well as others who withdraw as a direct result of the terrorist attacks, will not be required to return financial aid funds they received for books and living expenses.

Borrowers and their families who have questions about this or other guidance issued by the department should call 1-800-4FEDAID (1-800-433-3243) (TTY 800-730-8913).



## Gov. Rowland Unveils Homeownership Program for Military Personnel

Governor John G. Rowland has announced a new mortgage program for military personnel serving in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and National Guard. The Military Homeownership Program offers 30-year, fixed rate mortgages currently at 5.375 percent. In addition, homebuyers are eligible for downpayment and closing cost assistance.

"This is an exciting program to offer military personnel serving our state and nation during this time of national crisis," said Rowland. "The military is experiencing a housing shortage due to consolidations, base closures and permanent changes of duty stations. This is a great way to enhance the quality of life for our courageous men

and women in uniform by helping them achieve the dream of homeownership."

The Military Homeownership Program is administered by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and was developed in cooperation with the Connecticut Military Community Council. The program features income limits of \$62,800 for a one-to-two person household and \$72,200 for families of three and more. Sales price limits are the same as CHFA's Homebuyer Mortgage Program.

Questions about the Military Homeownership Program may be directed to CHFA at (860) 571-4390, via CHFA's website at [www.chfa.org](http://www.chfa.org), or by contacting Paul Carlson of the Housing Office at Groton Sub Base at (860) 694-2276.

## TAG Announces 2001 Combined Federal Campaign and United Way Campaign

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM A. CUGNO  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

I join the president and the governor of Connecticut in expressing sympathy to the victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. We are all saddened and outraged by the loss of life and suffering caused by these senseless acts of violence.

As Federal and State employees, you have the opportunity to contribute to national and local relief efforts through your participation in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way Campaign (UWC). Generous contributions by employees like yourselves to numerous relief organizations allow groups to provide needed assistance throughout the year, as well as at specific times such as those following the horrible events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The 2001-2002 CFC/UWC is just beginning. As you have done so many times in the past, I urge you to consider the CFC and UWC as a timely, convenient and secure mechanism to help our fellow citizens, now and throughout the year. In view of the magnitude of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, a special solicitation has been authorized separate to the CFC and UWC. Such a special solicitation will allow employees to assist the ongoing relief efforts in New York

City and the National Capital Area with a one-time cash or check donation.

While this special solicitation is important, it is also important to be especially generous in your annual gift through the FC and UWC. Thanks to your support, a system was in place to respond immediately in this time of crisis. Your annual contribution is critical to these organizations - it is their lifeblood and enables them to be well-prepared when disaster strikes. In addition, there are agencies supported by the CFC and UWC that provide counseling, information and referral services that will be needed long after the debris is cleared away.

Don't forget the other charitable agencies shared by all of us and our families. The contributions made by you make possible a wide range of vital services and food for the hungry, cures of diseases, technological advances for the hearing impaired to name only a few. Payroll deduction is available to enable you to give a little bit each payday, providing help to people in need throughout the year.

Your participation is completely voluntary. The choice is yours. The CFC brochure lists a wide range of agencies. Please give as generously as you can...it will make a difference.

## Postal Shipment Precautions and Suspicious Packages

The Postmaster General has stated there is little concern of receiving dangerous mail or packages. The United States Postal Service handles approximately 7 million pieces of mail per day and finds that just a few simple precautions will reduce any potential hazards.

Any concerns should be directed to your immediate supervisor and/or facility OIC who will contact this headquarters (HFTD-EOC J-5) prior to calling any authorities to investigate suspicious material; this will eliminate any unnecessary concerns and mistakes. Coordination with local and state authorities will be conducted by this headquarters.

What are the characteristics of a suspicious package?

The likelihood of receiving a package or letter containing suspicious substances is remote. However, it is important for citizens to be aware of characteristics that are common to suspicious packages. Some indicators include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Mailed from a Foreign Country
- Excessive Postage
- Misspelled Words
- Addressed to Title Only
- Wrong Title with Name
- Rigid or Bulky
- Badly Typed or Hand Written
- Restrictive Markings
- No Return Address

- Strange Odor
- Lopsided/Protruding item
- Stains on Wrapping

What do I do if I receive a suspicious package?

- Leave the letter or package alone. Do not move the item.
- The individual in contact with the letter should leave the vicinity immediately.
- Other individuals within the vicinity of the letter should also leave immediately.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency and explain what has occurred.
- Your local law enforcement agency will notify the county health department and the Department of Health to conduct appropriate testing.

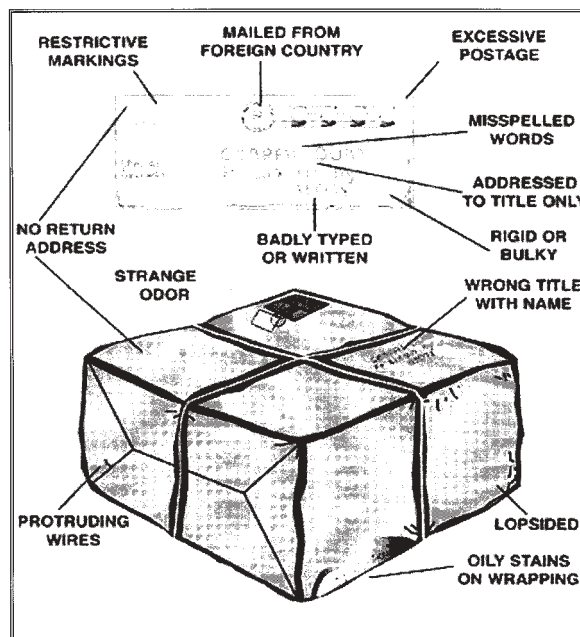
- Results of the test will be available in time to determine what, if any, treatment should be implemented.

- Individuals who open or have contact with the letter or package containing an unknown substance should thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water.

- There is no need to start antibiotics prior to the analysis of the letter or package.

- Contact information of all individuals that may have been exposed should be collected immediately. These individuals should be reassured that they will be contacted as soon as results are known.

Sources: Center for Disease Control, U.S. Postal Service, Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Law Enforcement.



## In Defense of Connecticut's Children Understanding the Dangers and Culture of Ecstasy

CAPT. ANNE-MARIE GARCIA  
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ADMINISTRATOR

Ecstasy; what is it? Why do people take it? What does it do? How does it affect my brain? What are we doing about it? What is ecstasy? The chemical name is 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, ecstasy produces stimulant effects like amphetamine and mild hallucinogenic effects like mescaline.

### Overview of the problem with MDMA

It has been estimated that 750,000 tablets per week are consumed in the New York-Newark-Jersey shores corridor with 2 million tablets per week being imported into the United States. Ecstasy is popular with adolescents at parties known as "raves" and on college campuses and in nightclubs. Urban rave clubs are often the venue for MDMA purchases, it is being purchased, transported and used in increasing quantities within suburban and rural communities. It can cause life-threatening effects acutely. Long-term consumption of the drug can result in permanent brain damage, psychosis and significant impairments in learning and memory after "recreational" doses of the drug have been consumed.

Effects of MDMA (Why do people take it?) Euphoria, increased energy, increased sensual arousal, increased "need" to be touched (hugged) increased "need" for stimulation. The after-effects of MDMA (acute withdrawal or hangover) drowsiness, muscle aches (lower back, neck & joint pain), general fatigue, depression, difficulty in concentrating, paranoia, short-lived anxiety

and irritability, acne/skin rash, frequent headaches, frequent stomach cramps.

People who use the drug quickly discover this and adjust their usage patterns. There is an adage about ecstasy, which captures this phenomenon: Freshman love it, Sophomores like it, Juniors are ambivalent and Seniors are afraid of it. Toxicity of MDMA, rank ordered by severity, massive release of dopamine and serotonin leading to potential destruction of neuronal tissue. Tissue and organ failure, Psychiatric disturbances - panic, anxiety, paranoia, depression, nausea, increased muscle tension, chills, sweating, tremors, blurred vision, circulatory problems, hypothermia and electrolyte imbalance.

### Extent of Use of MDMA

In 1998, 3.6 percent of 12th graders, 3.3 percent of 10th graders, and 1.8 percent of 8th graders reported they had used MDMA in the past year in 1999, 5.6 percent of 12th graders, and 4.4 percent of 10th graders reported MDMA use in past year. In 12th graders "lifetime use" rose from 5.8 percent to 8.0 percent in the same one-year period. In a Massachusetts survey conducted in 1996-97, 14 percent of male and 7 percent of female 12th graders reported lifetime use. These are some astonishing numbers, but they are the facts.

Five years ago Connecticut did not see MDMA as a problem, but that has changed. The drug is being used, there are rave clubs in Connecticut and law enforcement has made several large-scale seizures of ecstasy in the past five years. The Connecticut

National Guard strives to educate our soldiers as well as our youth on the dangers and illegalities of using ecstasy.

For educational materials or presentations please call the Connecticut National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program at 860-493-2724 and ask for Capt. Garcia.

## Remove DoD Decals Prior to Selling

BUPERS reminds ALL personnel (military, civilian, and contract) who have a vehicle with a DoD sticker/parking permit that if you are selling your vehicle, you should remove all DoD decals. This will deter attempts to gain unauthorized access to military installations.

Recent incidents have highlighted the need for this reminder:

-In early September an individual at the Pentagon was approached about selling his car for \$3000. The car had a DoD sticker.

-On September 8, several males approached an individual to sell her car for \$6000. She was not advertising her car for sale. The car had a DoD sticker.

-On September 11, a Baltimore car with a DoD sticker and its owner were reported as missing.

These incidents may represent possible pre-operation acquisition of vehicles to transport vehicle-improvised explosive devices. Be sure to report any suspicious activity to NSA Security at the DSN phone numbers 4-5533/5534.

## Closing The Back Door

### 2001 Strength Maintenance Awards Ceremony

SGT. MAJ. BUDDY ZASTURY  
RECRUITING AND RETENTION COMMAND

The Adjutant General's 2001 Strength Maintenance Awards Ceremony was held at the State Armory in Hartford on Wednesday evening September 26, 2001.

Command leadership from the Connecticut Army National Guard, Connecticut Air National Guard and the Connecticut Militia were present for the ceremony.

Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, escorted by members of his staff, awarded 31 gold guidon streamers to both Army and Air Guard units achieving an annual personnel attrition rate of 18 percent or less. A total of 24 streamers were awarded to Army and Air units for achieving an annual personnel extension rate of 75 percent or better.

The Adjutant General presented the 102<sup>nd</sup> Army Band with a plaque for achieving a 100 percent retention rate for the second consecutive year. The 103<sup>rd</sup> Communications Flight received a plaque for achieving the highest retention rate for the Air National Guard.

The 208<sup>th</sup> AG Detachment was recognized as the Connecticut Army National Guard unit having the lowest unit personnel attrition rate for the year while the 103<sup>rd</sup> Mission Support flight received the same honor for their outstanding management of unit attrition during the same period.

This year Cugno recognized the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard for having the highest percentage of strength increase during the year. The First Company Governor's Foot Guard was also recognized for achieving the highest percentage of authorized strength during the same period. The Adjutant General recognized the First Company Governor's Horse Guard for achieving the lowest unit member attrition of all State Militia units.

The following battalion size units were recognized for achieving a positive gain in end strength for FY 01. HQ 2/192<sup>nd</sup> FA, HQ 2/126<sup>th</sup> Avn Bn, HQ 118<sup>th</sup> Med Bn, HQ 192<sup>nd</sup> En Bn, HQ 242<sup>nd</sup> En Bn, HQ 1/169<sup>th</sup> Avn, 103<sup>rd</sup> Logistics Group, and the 103<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron.

During his comments Cugno praised both the Army and Air National Guard units for exceeding their respective personnel end strength missions for this fiscal year.

"I am pleased with the total dedication and commitment our Guard has demonstrated through the outstanding results achieved in the area of strength maintenance this year."

## ESGR:

### *If You Are Called, Are You Ready?*

LT. COL. (RET.) HARRY RITSON  
ESGR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Recent events make evident that this Nation is dependent upon its National Guard and Reserve Components at least in the execution of its enhanced home defense responsibilities. Equally evident is the possibility of less advanced notification for those being called.

The period following activation has sometimes proven to be personally hectic for those impacted in terms of the scope of areas that must be considered in a relatively short period. You could serve yourself as well as your loved ones by some advanced consideration and planning, and possibly some advanced decisions.

There are two areas of consideration. Foremost of these is assuring the continuing support of your loved ones, and, as a related measure, the assurance of continued, unpenalized employment at the conclusion of your service. Those activated will receive briefings on both family and employment

rights and benefits during the alert period, but there are several areas you might want to consider earlier (wills, guardianship, healthcare, budget, employment processes, etc.).

Here in Connecticut, we are strongly positioned and staffed to provide information and assistance. For family matters, the Family Program Office (ARNG: 860-524-4801) (ANG: 860-292-2574) can be helpful in outlining the scope of consideration and decisions that might be involved. For information or assistance on understanding your employment rights and responsibilities, contact the Connecticut Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (860-283-4222).

Your volunteer service demonstrates your willingness to help protect our Country. Be equally protective of your family and your employment status. Learn the areas of consideration and decision now while you may have more time for discussion and planning.

## OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

### Open House Dates:

17 Nov 01

15 Dec 01

26 Jan 02

23 Feb 02

23 Mar 02

20 Apr 02

1st OCS BN

169TH LEADERSHIP REGIMENT

Location:  
Camp Rowland  
Niantic, Connecticut  
Phone: 860-691-4214/4212  
Fax: 860-691-4211  
Email: colleen.smith@ct.ngb.army.mil

Bring a friend, Spouse or Significant other  
Open House will be in Building 402.  
Leadership Hall. 1000-1200 hours  
Uniform is BDU on duty. Civilian all others.



## Groton Aviation Unit Provides Port Support

STAFF SGT DAVID IRONS  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE  
1109<sup>th</sup> AVIATION CLASSIFICATION REPAIR ACTIVITY DEPOT

Recently, 17 soldiers from the 1109<sup>th</sup> Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD), based at the Groton-New London Airport, completed a shrink-wrap mission dubbed "Operation CHRYSALIS" in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 224<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light) which deployed to Bosnia as part of Stabilization Force 10 (SFOR-10) in support of the multi-nation peacekeeping operations there.

The soldiers completed the shrink-wrapping and loading on a marine vessel of 20 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at the Howland Hook Marine Terminal in Staten Island, NY over a period of 12 days. This shrink wrap process was developed to protect aircraft from the corrosive salt air when helicopters are

transported by ship. It involves wrapping the entire aircraft in a foam padding material then over wrapping it with a 20-foot wide plastic material that shrinks to the configuration of the aircraft when heated with propane heat guns. This provides an airtight protective cover that prevents millions of dollars of damage that otherwise would occur if these helicopters were transported by ship unprotected.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), a National Guard Division based at Fort Belvoir, VA, is in charge of the U.S. peacekeeping mission in Bosnia for six months. This division includes units from 16 states across the country from Massachusetts to California, including the 143<sup>rd</sup> Forward Support Battalion and Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry of Connecticut. Also deploying as part of this mission is the 498<sup>th</sup> Medical

Company (Air Ambulance) and 159<sup>th</sup> Medical Company (Air Ambulance), active Army units.

The shrink-wrap process for helicopters was developed after the war in Vietnam. It was noted that aircraft transported to and from that conflict had major corrosion damage as a result of exposure to the salt air. The 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD was instrumental in the research and development of the shrink-wrap process and was a pioneer in its implementation. In addition to providing aviation maintenance support, the 1109<sup>th</sup> AVCRAD provides port support & shrink-wrap services around the globe and is considered to be the preeminent unit in the shrink-wrapping U. S. Army helicopters. The avoidance of corrosion damage and down time has resulted in the savings of millions of dollars.



UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters being prepared for shrink wrapping at Howland Hook Marine Terminal in Staten Island, NY (left)

A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter shrink wrapped and being loaded onto its transport ship. (right)

A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter wrapped and ready for loading onto transport ship. (below)



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### Chaplain Delivers Prayer from Connecticut Girl at Ground Zero

Connecticut Army National Guard Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Feyrer has been spending a lot of his time lately at Ground Zero in New York City doing what he can as a chaplain to help out. He recently returned to Connecticut for drill and was met with a request he was only too happy to fulfill.

Would he please read a letter and a prayer from the daughter of a Connecticut Guardsman at Ground Zero?

The chaplain quickly said yes and comment how touched he was that even the children were moved to do whatever they could to offer aid and comfort to the people affected by the tragic events of Sept. 11. When he returned to Ground Zero, he read the following letter and prayer from Maria Arroyo of New Britain.

To My Fellow New Yorkers:

(Firemen, Police Officers, Families & Friends)

I am writing this letter to say that my heart goes out to all the families and friends of the loved ones in New York and I have a prayer that I would like everyone in New York to read and hear. This prayer was given to me by a special person in my life. I feel that everyone in New York needs it more than I do and hope that it helps.

I Said A Prayer For You Today

I said a prayer for you today and know that God must have heard,

I felt the answer in my heart although he spoke not a word.

I did not ask for wealth or fame (I knew you would not mind)

I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.

I prayed that He'd be near you at the start of each new day,

To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way.

I asked Him for happiness for you in all things great and small

But it was for His loving care I prayed most of all.

Much Love,

Maria Arroyo

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Connecticut Guardian  
on-line at  
[www.ct.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ct.ngb.army.mil)



Maj. Roy Walton, 103rd Logistics Group of the 103rd Fighter Wing, Connecticut Air National Guard, with the mural he painted in Kuwait in memory of the events of Sept. 11. Walton was on rotation in Kuwait as part of Operation Southern Watch when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC, killing thousands. On the mural are the symbols of the A10, "Warthog," and 118th Fighter Squadron of the Connecticut Air National Guard. (Photo courtesy of the 103rd Logistics Group.)

## 'United We Stand' Stamp Debuts

RUDI WILLIAMS  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

The U.S. Postal Service made its special "United We Stand" stamp available Oct. 24 in areas where postal officials thought it would have the most meaning.

The Postal Service produced the stamp in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to postal spokesman Don Smeraldi. The terrorists slammed hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon and a fourth crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside.

"We made the stamp available in the Washington metropolitan area and in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut," Smeraldi said. "We issued it in New Jersey and Connecticut because they're so close to the World Trade Center and a lot of people from those areas were there on Sept. 11. The Washington metropolitan area includes Northern Virginia, where the Pentagon is located, down to Richmond.

"We had enough stamps printed to supply those post offices," Smeraldi noted. "We'll have enough printed by Nov. 5 to stock all post offices nationwide, including the military APO and FPOs."

The 34-cent self-adhesive stamp features "Old Glory" with the words "United We Stand" below it. The stamp is available in booklets of 20 and coils of 100. Customers can order the stamp online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and via the Postal Service's toll-free telephone number at 1-800-STAMP-24.

## Relief Act Only for Pre-Active Duty Debt

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act will lower military members' mortgage interest to 6 percent — but only if the loan existed before the member came on active duty.

Mel Martinez, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, joined Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld Sept. 24 to remind affected lenders of their obligations under the 1940 law. For the most part, their reminder was on the behalf of Guard and Reserve members called to active duty.

The law's relief provisions apply to existing debts when members come on active duty. The law has no effect on debt incurred while on active duty.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act prohibits lenders from foreclosing against any military personnel during and immediately following their tour of active duty, Martinez said. Military renters cannot be evicted from their property and may terminate leases without penalty if doing so is in their own interests.

HUD officials advise affected Guard and Reserve members on active duty to contact their lenders immediately to take advantage of the mortgage rate cap. The act prohibits any mortgage lender from initiating foreclosure action against persons in military service while on active duty and three months thereafter without court approval or an agreement between the parties.

More than 30,000 reserve component service members have already been called up under a presidential order signed Sept. 14.

Martinez advised affected military personnel to call a new toll-free number, (888) 297-8685, for more information or to visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>

### COMMISSARY & EXCHANGE DIRECTORY

Here is a current directory of area commissaries and exchanges along with their phone numbers. Always call ahead to verify hours as they may change without notice. A valid i.d. card is necessary to use these facilities. Contact your unit administrator if you or your dependants need a card. If you have trouble, contact the State Family Program Office at 1-800-858-2677.

#### CAMP ROWLAND POST EXCHANGE

MONDAY: Closed  
TUESDAY – SATURDAY: 10:00 – 5:00  
SUNDAY: 10:00 – 4:00  
Phone: (860) 739-9672

#### ARMY RESERVE CENTER

700 South Quaker Lane  
West Hartford, CT  
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 10:00 – 1:00  
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 1:45 – 4:00  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Closed  
Phone: (860) 236-3393

#### WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE

Chicopee, Mass.  
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 10:00 – 5:00  
SATURDAY: 10:00 – 5:00  
SUNDAY: 11:00 – 5:00  
Phone: (413) 593-5583

#### COAST GUARD ACADEMY

New London  
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9:00 – 5:00  
SATURDAY: 9:00 – 3:00  
SUNDAY: Closed  
Phone: (860) 444-8488

#### AIR NATIONAL GUARD

East Granby  
TUESDAY – FRIDAY: 10:00 – 5:00  
SATURDAY: 10:00 – 4:00  
SUNDAY & MONDAY: Closed  
UTAs: Open Saturday &  
Sunday: 10:00 – 5:00  
Phone: (860) 653-6994

#### WEST POINT, NEW YORK

Exchange Hours:  
SATURDAY – WEDNESDAY:  
10:00 – 6:00  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10:00 – 7:00  
Phone: (914) 446-5406  
Commissary Hours:  
MONDAY: Closed  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY:  
10:00 – 6:00  
THURSDAY: 10:00 – 7:00  
FRIDAY: 10:00 – 6:00  
SATURDAY: 9:00 – 5:00  
SUNDAY: 11:00 – 5:00  
Phone: (914) 446-5406

#### COAST GUARD STATION

120 Woodward Avenue  
New Haven, CT  
MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9:00 – 4:30  
SATURDAY: 9:00 – 2:00  
SUNDAY: Closed  
Phone: (203) 468-2712

#### SUB BASE, NEW LONDON

Exchange Hours:  
MON., TUES., WED., FRI.: 9:00 – 6:00  
THURSDAY: 9:00 – 7:00  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 9:00 – 5:00  
HOLIDAYS: 9:00 – 4:00  
Phone: (860) 694-3811  
Commissary Hours:  
MONDAY: Closed  
TUE., WED. & FRI.: 9:00 – 6:00  
THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
SATURDAY: 8:00 – 5:00  
SUNDAY: 10:00 – 5:00  
Phone: (860) 694-2244

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## Diversity: 'Making People Count'

**CAPT. ANNE-MARIE GARCIA**  
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ADMINISTRATOR

"Our mission is to make America stronger, healthier, and freer than when we found her. Accept our diversity. Embrace it. Make it work for you. Harness the rainbow."

Dr. Samuel Betances is one of the leading motivational keynote speakers in America today. Eloquence and passion, framed by uplifting humor, flawless stage presence and an affirming spirit best describe his innate ability to be inclusive in his illustrations and practical in his recommendations.

As a biracial, bicultural, and bilingual citizen of the world, Dr. Betances has worked in all 50 states and U.S. territories, and in seven countries including Japan. He inspires willing learners to aim high, reject rejection, and embrace themselves and each other as powerful team members working toward a more prosperous future.

Decades of university teaching, publishing articles, and consultantships with private and public organizations bring to each event a breadth and depth of understanding on how we must make sense of differences. Dr. Betances challenges and motivates clients in Fortune 500 companies, governmental agencies, community groups, community colleges, universities, lecture series and commencement events.

He gives meaning to the history of heritage groups, historical personas, and events marking the need for collaboration and the reduction of prejudice and racism. He brings audiences to their feet in women's issues forums, African-American historical month activities, Hispanic events and celebrations on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr to name but a few. He changes negative mindsets with his problem solving methodology and extensive grasp of issues. Dr. Betances has

merged eloquence and teaching skills to deliver his powerful message from personal conviction and experience.

Connecticut will be hosting the Northeast Regional Diversity Conference November 17 and 18. All are encouraged to attend. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is being offered by Dr. Betances to Connecticut's soldiers and airmen. The conference will also feature an informal continental breakfast and formal luncheon with each day's guest speaker.

On Saturday it will be Col. Cora M. Jackson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau Office of Human Resources Enhancement. She reports directly to the Director of the Air National Guard to oversee the accomplishment of human resources issues and the National Strategic Workforce Diversity Goals and Objectives. Prior to this assignment she attended Air War College in residence and graduated in 1998. She was formerly the Chief of the Air National Guard Assessment Team for Extremist Groups, which was created to determine the influence and impact of extremist organizations on the human relations environment. She planned and coordinated visits to the states, and conducted individual and group interviews with Guard members in all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Jackson was commissioned in the Tennessee Air National Guard. Her military career included an assignment as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Director of the Air National Guard. She served in various other assignments as Chief Flight Nurse, including Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Recruiting and Retention for Health Professions, and Chief Officer Recruiting, Air National Guard Readiness Center.

Sunday's guest speaker will be Dr. Lynda D. Smith, President of the Care Center, New London and DACOWITS Quality of Life Committee member.

## Regional Diversity Workshop

The Northeast Regional Diversity Workshop, hosted by the Connecticut National Guard, fulfills the Air National Guard eight-hour diversity training requirement. This is a tremendous opportunity to get the training from a nationally renowned professional, Dr. Samuel Betances, in a professional setting.

Register for the November 17 or 18 workshop with the form below. The two workshops will be held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London from 0800-1630. Complete the registration form by 14 October 2001 as seating is first come, first serve.

Uniform Class "B," any blue uniform without tie or tab.

\*Complete the registration form and

submit the \$15 conference fee by 9 November 2001, check or money order, no cash. Please make checks payable to Diversity Association

MAIL TO: CPT Anne-Marie Garcia  
CTNG-CD  
360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT  
06105-3795

Phone 860-493-2724, FAX: 860-493-2784  
or email  
anne-marie.garcia@ct.ngb.army.mil

**Orders Section:** Please ensure orders contain the following statement: "The conference fee of \$15 is reimbursable and includes one lunch meal."

Point Of Contact: Chief Master Sgt. Tony Palladino 203-331-4834 E-MAIL: tjpalidno@aol.com

17 NOVEMBER OR 18 NOVEMBER (circle one)

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## Celebrating Diversity: Why Special Observances are Important

**LT. COL. CHARLES MCKELLAR**  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER HQ CTANG

Every year the Department of Defense and Service Departments hold special observances to commemorate the contributions different groups of people made to the American culture. These observances provide service organizations with the opportunities to increase awareness, mutual respect and understanding of its minority members. The focus of the observances should be directed towards encouraging interaction and not just recognition. In Connecticut, the goals of special observances are to foster teamwork and understanding between members of the Connecticut National Guard.

There are many observances of this nature but the traditional observances celebrated

in the Connecticut are: Black History Month in February; Women's History Month in March; and Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15.

Special observances also provide organizations with the opportunity to foster cross-cultural awareness and harmony among members of the Connecticut National Guard, their families, and the civilian work force. These observances educate members about the contributions different groups have made to our nation and help members appreciate the richness of the American culture. Brig. Gen. Lawrence Rusconi, chief of staff, said, "Our goal is to have all of our members participate in these observances."

The observances are held annually in support of Joint Congressional Resolution, Presidential Proclamation, and Chief of Staff

direction to recognize the achievements of ethnic groups that comprise the society of the United States. Since 1968, the Department of Defense has proudly supported ethnic observances through the development of local programs of recognition and other diverse activities.

Special observances provide commanders with an opportunity to enhance the human relations climate through increased unity, awareness, and mutual understanding of the accomplishments of all minority groups within the Connecticut National Guard. For example, on February 8, 2001, we celebrated Black History Month. During the celebration the United States Postal Service unveiled its Roy Wilkins stamp.

Roy Wilkins is an example of an African-American who distinguished himself as

NAACP Executive Director and through his contributions to the civil rights movement. He is also recognized each year during the NAACP Annual Convention's Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Dinner where recipients receive the Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award. This award is given annually to a number of American military personnel in uniform who have distinguished themselves by contributing to military equal opportunity policies and programs.

However, with the demographic changes our state and nation is undergoing, the need for special observances will continue to play an important role in recognizing the contributions and achievements of the national and Connecticut communities in which we serve.

## EAP for You and Your Family: Help is Just a Phone Call Away

MAJ. BARBARA LUHN  
LABOR RELATIONS SPECIALIST, HRO

The Human Resources Office is very excited about our new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offered to National Guard Technicians only. It provides confidential services to supervisors, technicians and their immediate family members, at no cost to the technician.

The EAP line is 1-800-523-5668. TDD is also available 1-800-882-7610.

We hope that you find the EAP an added benefit of being a National Guard Technician. This program is no cost and completely confidential. It is separate from your medical benefits, so there are no additional deductions or co-payments. EAP is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Your Employee Assistance Program addresses problems in:

Alcohol/Drug  
Family/Relationship Concerns  
Behavioral Concerns  
Personal/Emotional Concerns  
Occupational Adjustment  
Work and Family Life Issues

Technicians and their immediate family members may contact the EAP directly to schedule an appointment. Individual services include:

- In-person assessments
- Short-term problem solving
- Recommendations for ongoing care with

private practice counselors or community-based resources

- Access to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- A toll-free telephone number – 1-800-523-5668

Individuals can be directed to the EAP in three different ways:

1. Self-referral. A technician or any member of his/her immediate family may initiate use of EAP services.

2. Informal Supervisor Referral. A supervisor may encourage an employee to seek services from EAP because the employee has expressed a need for some assistance, or because the employee is experiencing job performance problems because of personal concerns

3. Formal or Mandatory Referral. Sometimes a supervisor may have to initiate some formal or mandatory referrals through discipline or adverse actions. This is always coordinated through the Human Resources Office.

Supervisors may also contact the EAP for advice and assistance in:

- Identifying and approaching troubled employees
- Providing effective employee feedback
- Referring employees to the EAP
- Documenting problems
- Work/family life issues impacting the work force



Employees and supervisors can take advantage of this program 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For Employees and Family Members: Just call 1-800-523-5668, identify that you are a technician, or a family member of a technician, with the Connecticut National Guard. A trained counselor will help you with your problem.

For Supervisors: Just call 1-800-523-5668, identify that you are a supervisor with the Connecticut National Guard, requesting a supervisor consultation. You will be connected with a professional who specializes in working with supervisors.

Green Spring Health Services, Inc is the provider of the Employee Assistance Program. They are a full service behavioral health care company. This company was founded and is directed by clinical psychologists and psychiatrists. All the counselors are trained and experienced at helping you and your family members. They understand the importance of behavioral health issues and that individuals have special requirements. Their philosophy is Managing With Care. They are ranked one of the top behavioral health care firms in the nation because of this different approach.

If you have any questions about your Employee Assistance Program, please call the Human Resources Office: Maj. Barbara Luhn (860) 878-6719 or Capt. James Guerrero (860) 878-6738.

## Classifieds

### For Sale

1970's Pop-Up Camper  
Sleeps 3, Minor rust spots,  
Needs new tires.  
\$500 or Best Offer  
Contact: Barbara at  
(860) 745-5915,  
leave a message.

(Classified ads are being run as a one-time-only, free service to members of the Connecticut National Guard, State Militia, State Military Department, retirees and family members. Deadline is the first Friday of every month for the following month's publication and must be mailed or emailed to the Public Affairs Office. No ads will be taken by phone. Send ads to Sgt. 1st Class Debbi Newton, 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06105, or debbi.newton@ct.ngb.army.mil)

## DoD Authorizes Stop Loss

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has delegated his "stop-loss" authority to the heads of the military departments. The stop-loss program allows the Services to retain individuals on active duty beyond their date of separation. Those affected by the order generally cannot retire or leave the service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until relieved by the President, whichever is earlier.

Stop-loss was last used during Operation Allied Force over Kosovo. In 1990, then President George Bush delegated stop-loss authority to the Secretary of Defense during Operation Desert Shield. That delegation remains valid today.

The Services are adopting various forms of stop-loss. They generally will target the program at servicemembers with critical military occupations.

The Air Force has already applied stop-loss to all active, Guard, and reserve forces, stopping all separations and retirements for at least 30 days. This will not apply to those with an approved separation on or before Oct. 1, 2001. The Air Force will continue to review and revise the policy as circumstances dictate.

The Army has no immediate plans to implement stop-loss, while the Navy plans a limited stop-loss affecting approximately 10,500 people in 11 critical specialties. The Marine Corps expects to complete its stop-loss plan later this week.

Most involuntary discharges would not be affected by stop-loss, nor will stop-loss change any policies or regulations currently in effect that might lead to an administrative discharge.

## Retirees' Voice

### TRICARE Senior Prime to End Dec. 31

Over the last several years, TRICARE Senior Prime was one of several test programs utilized by Department of Defense to evaluate its ability to provide health care services to its over age 65 beneficiaries. With direction from the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, the Department of Defense will implement TRICARE for Life to meet this need. Consequently, the TRICARE Senior Prime program will end December 31, 2001.

TRICARE Senior Prime enrollment applications received by August 31, 2001 will be accepted for an effective date of September 1, 2001. These enrollees may remain enrolled until December 31, 2001. Enrollees in TRICARE Prime who turn 65 and become entitled to both Medicare

and TRICARE and are assigned to an MTF primary care provider, may have priority for TRICARE Plus if capacity exists. Enrollment applications for TRICARE Senior Prime received between September 1, 2001 and December 31, 2001 will be returned. Current enrollees may remain enrolled until December 31, 2001 and will receive a letter that describes their rights and health care options for 2002. Current TRICARE Senior Prime enrollees may continue to utilize the military health care system through the TRICARE for Life program.

Information on TRICARE for Life will be mailed in August to age 65 and over Military Health System beneficiaries who are registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

## AUSA to Hold General Membership Meeting

The Connecticut Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will hold a General Membership meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2001. The meeting will be held at the Hartford Marriott, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, Exit 23, I-91. The General Meeting will commemorate Veterans' Day and the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The guest speaker will be Congressman Rob Simmons, Connecticut 2d District. The meeting will start at 6:15 p.m. and will be preceded by a reception starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00.



## *Connecticut National Guard Fulltime Employment Opportunities*

The following are Connecticut Army and Air Guard Technician openings. For a copy of the Technician vacancy Announcement, see your technician/military supervisor or call Master Sgt. Kevin Salsbury at (860) 878-6739

### **Army National Guard Technician Vacancies**

Position Title	Unit	Pay Grade	Closing Date
Wood Worker	CSMS	WG-07	Nov. 2, 2001
Supply Technician	USPFO	GS-05	Nov. 2, 2001
Support Services Specialist	TSSD	GS-07	Nov. 2, 2001
Supply Technician, Indefinite	DCSIM	GS-05	Nov. 9, 2001
Supply Technician	USPFO	GS-05	Nov. 14, 2001
Aircraft Mechanic	AASF	WG-10/08/05	Nov. 16, 2001
Tools and Parts Attendant	AASF	WG-06	Nov. 19, 2001
Aircraft Pseudraulic Systems Mech.	AVCRAD	WG-10	Nov. 20, 2001

### **Air National Guard Technician Vacancies**

Position Title	Unit	Pay Grade	Closing date
Quality Assurance Specialist (Electronics)	103rd FW LOG	GS-09	Nov. 5, 2001
Fire Chief	103rd FW	GS-09	Nov. 5, 2001
Aircraft Ordnance Systems Mech. Supv.	103rd FW LOG	WS-09	Nov. 2, 2001

Listed below are current openings in the Connecticut National Guard AGR program. For a copy of the Military Tour Vacancy Announcement, see your supervisor or call Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Terry Atkins at (860) 878-6729.

### **Army National Guard AGR Vacancies**

Position Title	Unit	Rank	Area of Consideration
Force Development NCO	HQ STARC	SFC/E-7	On Board SFC/E-7
	DCSFOR, FDB		Only
Production Recruiter	R&RCmd.	SFC/E-7	Open Statewide
Legal NCO	HHD STARC	SSG/E-6	Open Statewide
RPAS NCO	HHD STARC PSB	SFC/E-7	Open Statewide
Aircraft Electrician	1109th AVCRAD	SSG/E-6	Open Statewide
Personnel Senior Sergeant	HHD STARC PSB	SFC/E-7	Open Statewide

### **Air National Guard AGR Vacancies**

Position Title	Unit	Rank	Area of Consideration
Quality Assurance Specialist	103rd FW LOG	MSG	On Board AGR Only
Fire Chief	103rd FW	TSG - SMS	On Board AGR Only
Training Technician	103rd FW SUPPORT	MSG	On Board AGR Only
A/C Ordnance Systems Mech. Supv.	103rd FW LOG	MSG	On Board AGR Only

The complete listing of both Technician and AGR vacancies and job descriptions can also be accessed by going to the Connecticut National Guard website at [www.ct.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ct.ngb.army.mil)

## **Coming Events**

### **November**

#### **November 5**

Red, White and Blue Mass  
10:30 a.m.  
Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich

#### **November 6**

Election Day

#### **November 8**

Officer's Dining In, Hosted by the 169th Leadership Reg.  
Aqua Turf, Southington

#### **November 10**

MetroHartford Veterans Day Parade, Hartford

#### **November 11**

Veteran's Day

#### **November 17 & 18**

Diversity Conference

#### **November 22**

Thanksgiving

### **December**

#### **December 1**

Army/Navy Football Game  
Philadelphia

#### **December 7**

60th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor

#### **December 9**

Hanukkah

#### **December 13**

Connecticut Children's Place Holiday Home Party  
Bradley Air National Guard Base

#### **December 25**

Christmas

#### **December 31**

New Year's Eve

### **January**

#### **January 1**

New Year's Day

## **In the Next CG**

Connecticut National Guard's Role in Homeland Defense

MetroHartford Veteran's Day Parade

A Look Back at the Bombing of Pearl Harbor 60 Years Later

Diversity Conference Highlights

Deadline for submissions is the first Friday of the month  
previous to publication.

## MPs Provide Security at Connecticut Airports

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"I'm so glad they're here," said Wagner, who along with her husband was taking their two grandchildren, ages 2 and 4, to a location that was temporarily closed after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. "We're taking our grandchildren to Disney World. I want to feel safe. I'm not going to let anyone intimidate me, but we have young children with us, and I want them to be safe."

And the positive reviews have encouraged the Guard members, who have put their lives on hold as professionals and/or students, to serve the people of their home state.

"It feels really good. (The travelers) are glad we're there, and I feel good about providing security for them," said Pvt. Brian Chu, who had been working full-time and attending college full-time, prior to the activation. He and his fellow unit members have been working busy shifts that begin with uniform inspections and daily briefings. The MPs have also been receiving training in the rules, regulations and procedures of the Federal Aviation Administration. The mission is not easy, it is high profile, and highly important, the Guard members said.

"We're providing a physical presence, along with an added security level to let (travelers) know that there are people who care about them," said Sgt. Jan Petrie, who normally is an engineer with a large construction firm. "It really is of major importance that these people know that we're here for them."

Connecticut State Police are in charge of security at Bradley, but the Guard's MPs have augmented the troopers, helping them implement or oversee the heightened security measures.



Military Police conduct security at Bradley International Airport and training at their headquarters in Hartford. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65th PCH)



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